

Kitchen Countertop Comparison Chart

Natural Stone Countertops

Natural stone provides the most unique countertop materials as each piece boasts patterns and colors that aren't found in human-made materials. They are versatile and can fit many different styles.

MATERIAL	STAIN RESISTANCE	SCRATCH RESISTANCE	HEAT RESISTANCE	IMPACT RESISTANCE
GRANITE	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Fair
QUARTZITE	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Fair
MARBLE	Fair	Poor	Fair	Poor
SOAPSTONE	Excellent	Poor	Excellent	Poor

Manufactured Countertops

"Manufactured" stone is extremely durable and can hold up to a lot of different activities while appearing like other materials found in nature without the same level of upkeep.

MATERIAL	STAIN RESISTANCE	SCRATCH RESISTANCE	HEAT RESISTANCE	IMPACT RESISTANCE
QUARTZ	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent	Fair
PORCELAIN	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Very Good

More Countertop Options

If you're looking for a special, unique touch, other countertop options can fit the bill. Many looks are available and have great lifespans, but expect some visual changes over time since the material is a "living finish."

MATERIAL	STAIN RESISTANCE	SCRATCH RESISTANCE	HEAT RESISTANCE	IMPACT RESISTANCE
STAINLESS STEEL	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent
METAL	Very Good	Very Good	Excellent	Excellent
GLASS	Excellent	Very Good	Very Good	Very Good
WOOD	Poor	Poor	Poor	Fair