



| Material | Laminate | Solid Surface | Granite | Quartz |
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| Construction | A top layer of plastic with additional layers of resin infused paper adhered to particleboard | Man-made material manufactured from acrylic resins | Genuine natural stone quarried from the Earth | 93% natural minerals combined with resins |
| Availability | Available in a multitude of colors and patterns | Available in a variety of colors with limited patterns | Colors are natural in a wide range of patterns | Available in natural colors in a multitude of patterns |
| Durability | Completely stain resistant, can scratch and scorch and could be susceptible to water damage | Can scratch, will melt when exposed to high heat | Very durable but it can scratch or chip under extreme duress | Highly heat and scratch resistant, unaffected by harsh chemicals |
| Maintainability | Easy to clean, Damages can require replacement | Can be easily repaired if damage occurs | Sealing is required, Repairs may be difficult | No maintenance is required |
| Versatility | Countertops, Tabletops | Countertops, Shower Walls | Countertops | Countertops |
| Affordability | \$-\$\$ | \$\$-\$\$\$ | \$\$-\$\$\$ | \$\$-\$\$\$ |
| Suppliers | Formica, Wilsonart | Corian, Wilsonart | Natural stone from the Earth | Numerous Suppliers |