



10 Reasons why laminate countertops offer a tremendous value

Are you yearning for stone or wood countertops in your kitchen but just can't fit it in your budget? Remodeling is ridiculously expensive but one of the easiest ways to save money is with plastic laminate. When you think of plastic laminate countertops I hope you don't picture Grandma's stained kitchen countertop that's faded from the sun and peeling up at the corners. They have come a long way over just the last 10 years and they may be the perfect choice for your remodel.

1. They mimic natural stone perfectly

Wilsonart & Formica laminates that look like granite, but there are many color options that look like marble, quartz, and even wood grains as well.

2. Laminate counters cost half as much as stone counters

Even if you have a small kitchen and choose an inexpensive stone, your quote is likely to be \$3,000 minimum. You can quickly cut that in half by choosing plastic laminate instead.

3. Laminate will not hurt the resale value of your home

Laminate won't add value to your home, but an attractive pattern won't hurt it either. As long as the kitchen is modern and in good condition you won't be scaring off buyers.

4. Laminate counters are highly heat resistant

You may be surprised to learn that modern plastic laminate countertops can withstand high temperatures; so much so that Consumer Reports gave both laminate and granite the same rating of 'Excellent' when they tested them.

5. Laminate counters are nearly impossible to stain

The same Consumer Reports study mentioned above also tested them to see how well they handled stains. Not only did they pass the test with flying colors but they got the highest possible rating of 'Excellent'; while the much more expensive kitchen work surface quartz, was ranked lower with a 'Very Good' rating.

6. They kill germs

Both of the most popular brands of plastic laminate countertops, Formica and Wilsonart, sell products with antimicrobial protection baked into them.

7. Laminate Countertops are more impact resistant than stone

Stone has a bad habit of chipping or even cracking under the right conditions. Even the most desirable granite, quartz, and Dekton's receive low grades when it comes to impact resistance. Accidents happen and they just don't withstand when you dropping heavy pots or ceramic bowls on them. Laminate on the other hand, can take a literal pounding.

8. Laminate counters edges can be bullnosed, beveled or ogee style edge.

With today's technology laminate countertop edges no longer have to be square. Edges now come in a variety of seamless styles giving your countertops the look and feel of a custom shaped edge.

9. You can have an undermount sink

It wasn't that long ago that your only sink option for laminate countertops was a 'drop in'. But thanks to innovation of countertop and sink manufacturers you can have an undermount sink.

10. They're easier to maintain than stone

One of the most common concerns with natural stone is that it's important to maintain them properly to keep them looking new.

If you don't seal them you run a much higher risk of stains taking up permanent residence in your kitchen.

With laminates there is no sealing required. You literally set it in place and forget about it.



Inspired by a popular variety of Brazilian granite, spring carnival offers a nice mix of white, grey, and almond tones.



"Drop-In" Sink



Undermount "Edge-less" Sink