



COUNTERTOP GUIDE

	Laminate	Tile	Solid Surface	Wood (Butcher Block)	Granite	Quartz
COST (Installed)	\$10 - \$40 per square foot	\$10 - \$25 per square foot	\$90 - \$200 per square foot	Approximately \$50 - \$100 per square foot	\$100 - \$225 per square foot	\$120 - \$250 per square foot
HEAT / BURN RESISTANT	NO	YES	Resist Heat and Scratches, not recommended for direct heat	NO	YES	YES
SCRATCH RESISTANT	NO	YES	Resist Heat and Scratches, not recommended for direct cutting	NO	YES	YES
CAN IT BE REPAIRED?	NO Only Replaced	YES (by a professional installer)	YES Repair Kits Available	YES Scratches can sometimes be sanded out	YES However - it doesn't often need repairing	YES However - it doesn't often need repairing
ADVANTAGES	Inexpensive, Large color selection	Long lasting, unlimited color, sizes, textures	Large selection of color, clean look, virtual seamless, integrated sinks	Great look and character, won't damage cutlery, custom sizing	Extremely durable, many natural color choices, nearly impossible to scratch	Resistant to stains, better than sealed marble or granite, microban, no need to reseal
DISADVANTAGES	Noticeable seams, burns and scratches easily, drop in sink only	Grout can be hard to clean and will stain if not properly cleaned, hard on breakables	Options and some color choices can be costly, potential to burn and scratch	Deep cuts will always show even after sanding. Unhygienic if meat and poultry are prepared on the surface, can't use near water (sinks)	Expensive, needs to be resealed, can stain if spills are not properly cleaned	Expensive
CLEANING	Soapy water, non-abrasive cleaners	Any household cleaner, make sure that it is safe on grout (colored grout)	Mild soap and water, remove spills soon as possible, mild cleaners	Soap and water, dry well, mineral oil to renew wood	Soap and water, mild cleaners. Clean up spills immediately, reseal as needed	Soap and water, mild cleaners. Clean up spills immediately