

LAMINATE COUNTERTOPS FAQ'S

What is a build-up kit and when would I need to use one? A build-up kit is a set of small, wooden blocks that are designed to be applied directly to the underside of the countertop deck as spacers to ensure the drawers have enough clearance to properly open and close. Build-up kits may or may not be required for your project depending on your current cabinetry design and measurements. Please measure if the countertop edge overhang on this countertop will allow your drawers to open and close successfully. If not, please find the laminate countertop build-up kit available online.

What is a miter countertop? A miter countertop is pre-cut at a 45-degree angle to allow your countertop deck to form an angle. Mitered countertops are available as left miters and right miters based on the direction of the angle cut ñ you will need to refer to your projects requirements to determine if you need the left miter, right miter, or both miters.

I need countertops that form an L to fit my existing cabinetry. Can I use this countertop? Yes, you will need a left and right miter to create the L shape.

What is a miter bolt kit and when would I need to use one? A miter bolt kit is designed to connect two mitered countertops together using the bolts supplied. A miter bolt is necessary with the purchase of a mitered countertop. Miter bolt kits are sold separately and available online.

What is the difference between an endcap kit and an endsplash kit? An endcap kit is designed to be applied to the unfinished, exposed countertop ends after any cuts have been made. Endcaps not only provide a finished look, they also help protect the countertops by keeping moisture out. An endcap kit includes both left and right endcaps.

On the other hand, an endsplash kit is essentially a backsplash for the end of the countertop where it meets the wall. Endsplashes match the contour of your countertop edge profile while sitting directly on top of the countertop surface to provide added protection. Endsplashes are reversible and fit either end of the countertop.

Can I install this countertop on top of an existing countertop? We recommend that you remove existing countertops prior to installing the new countertops directly on top of your cabinetry.

Can this countertop be cut to my project's specific size requirements? Yes, these countertops are manufactured in standard lengths with the expectation that many homeowners will need to cut to size in order to fit their project. Please follow our step-by-step installation guide found on the product listing.

Will the home center cut and install this for me? The home center is unable to cut the countertop to size. If exact lengths are required, please contact the kitchen department directly for more information on a special-order option.

Can I use an undermount sink with this countertop? Yes, an undermount sink can be paired with this countertop. However, the installation process can be quite challenging, so we do recommend using a skilled fabricator to install. Please contact the kitchen department if you need a list of local fabricators.

What if I need a non-standard depth or an island application? If you need a non-standard depth or an island application, please contact the kitchen department to determine your special-order options.

I don't want to use the backsplash, can I just cut it off? No, we do not recommend cutting of the backsplash if you do not wish to use. Please contact the kitchen department to determine special order options for countertops without a backsplash.

Can this countertop be used outdoors? Due to the extreme changes in humidity we do not recommend using this product for outdoor use.

What type of saw is recommended to cut the countertop? Either a hand saw, table saw, or skill saw may be used to fabricate, however we do recommend a fine-tooth blade (10-12 teeth per inch) for precise cuts.

What if I need a countertop longer than what you offer? Our countertops can be purchased in smaller runs and joined together to ensure a perfect fit. Additionally, our 12 foot lengths can be special ordered by contacting the kitchen department.

My endcaps are too large for my countertop, what do I need to do?

Great question. We manufacture the endcap kits slightly larger than the depth of the countertop on purpose. Once the endcaps are applied to the countertop's end, they need to be filed to size to ensure a proper fit.

How do I clean this countertop?

Cleaning our countertops are simple and they can easily be cleaned with a mild detergent and damp cloth.

The bar code sticker was applied directly to the surface of the countertop, how can I remove without damaging the top?

We recommend using a damp cloth with a mild detergent. If the residue still exists, a scratch pad can be lightly used to remove the label.

How much does this countertop weigh?

Our countertops weigh approximately 9-lbs per square foot.

What other accessory items are available to purchase?

Endcap kits, endsplash kits, build-up kits, and miter bolt kits are available for purchase from the home center.