

Surface Comparison

Laminate

Granite

Quartz

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What is it?	Man Made Product that consists of printed colors/patterns on a fiberglass backing	100% natural stone quarried from within the earth	Man Made - 85% - 95% crushed quartz
Heat Resistance	Hot pots can warp, melt, or discolor a surface	Can be affected by heat	Can be affected by heat
Cleanliness	Non-porous - easy to clean	Easy to clean if sealant is maintained - very resistant to bacteria	Non-porous - very resistant to bacteria
Scratch Resistance	Can be scratched - not easily repaired	Highly scratch resistant - will likely dull your knives	Highly scratch resistant - will likely dull your knives
Fabrication	Sheet material is applied to a wood sub structure - limited edge profiles - May require seams	May require seams - Various edge profiles available	May require seams - various edge profiles available
Appearance	Consistent and uniform color and patterning	Highly polished finish - every piece is naturally unique in color and pattern. It is suggested you pick out your slab from the fabricator	Polished finish - consistent and uniform color and pattern
Maintenance	No Maintenance required	Requires sealing to prevent staining	No maintenance required
Wait Time	Laminate countertops can be done rather quickly. If a special edge is requested then the edge can take a minimum of 3 weeks to arrive to fabricator	After fabricator templates the countertop, installation occurs within 2-3 weeks	After fabricator templates the countertop, installation occurs within 2-3 weeks