



Stone Comparison Sheet

Not sure which countertop material is right for your space?

With so many beautiful options out there, it can be tough to know where to start. We've created this side-by-side comparison to help you weigh the pros and cons of each material—based on durability, maintenance, appearance, and more. Whether you're focused on everyday practicality or making a bold design statement, this guide will help you make a confident, informed decision.

Material	Cost	Durability	Maintenance	Appearance	Heat Resistance	Limitations
Quartz	\$\$\$	Very High Engineered for strength & consistency	Low Non-porous surface resists bacteria and staining	Uniform patterns; wide color range	Good Use trivets for hot items	Not heat-proof; not recommended for outdoor use
Quartzite	\$\$\$\$	Excellent Extremely hard natural stone	Moderate Requires periodic sealing	Natural veining; high-end look	Excellent Withstands high heat	Higher cost; limited colors
Granite	\$\$\$	High Durable natural stone	Moderate Must be sealed regularly	Unique patterns; natural variation	Excellent Very heat resistant	Requires sealing; pattern inconsistency
Solid Surface	\$\$	Moderate Scratches possible but repairable	Low Seamless and easy to clean	Smooth; matte finish	Fair Can scorch	Prone to scratches and melting; less natural look
Laminate	\$	Low Scratches; chips; possible water damage	Very Low Easy to clean; no sealing	Wide range of designs	Poor Heat damages surface	Not durable; edges can swell with moisture

Your edge profile might be a small detail, but it makes a big difference in the overall look of your kitchen. A Straight edge gives you a clean, modern feel, while an Ogee edge adds a more traditional, decorative touch. Most edge styles—like Straight, Bevel, and Bullnose—are included at no extra cost. The Ogee edge is an upgraded option with an additional charge. Want something more unique? We have other edge profiles available—just ask your designer!

Straight Polish

Quarter Bevel

Half Bevel

Quarter Radius

Half Radius

Ogee



Your Countertop Project Timeline

Effect Distributor makes it easy for you—we want every order to be a dream come true.
Here's how the process works from start to finish.

1. Showroom Appointment: Explore Materials & Options

Meet with your designer to review countertop samples and learn the benefits of each material.

Your quote is based on:

- Material type
- Color group
- Square footage
- Sink selection

Helpful Tip: If you're replacing old countertops, bring rough measurements with you. It speeds up the quoting process.

2. Choose a New Sink

Most new countertops require a new sink. You'll review sink options suited for stone surfaces, including:

- Undermount Stainless Steel
- Farmhouse / Apron Front
- Undermount Composite or Porcelain

Important: Have your new sink on-site before the template appointment. Your fabricator may take it with them to ensure a perfect fit.

3. Hand-Select Your Slab (Granite & Quartz Only)

Stone and quartz slabs are unique. We'll schedule an appointment for you to choose your slab in person. You can:

Select from your quoted color group
Or upgrade to a different slab that catches your eye
Your slab will be tagged and held until fabrication begins.

4. Countertop Template

On the scheduled date, a technician will arrive to take exact laser measurements.

Please:

Clear off all counters

Have your new sink and faucet on-site

Be ready to confirm layout and cutout placement

The technician may take your sink with them. Installation typically happens 1–2 weeks after templating.

5. Countertop Installation

Before install day:

Remove old countertops

Disconnect plumbing

Ensure cabinets are level (we'll handle this if we installed them)

Most installs take 3–4 hours. Please clear all walkways for safe access.

6. Reconnect Plumbing

Allow 24 hours for countertop adhesives to cure before reconnecting your plumbing.

You'll need to arrange a plumber to:

Hook up the sink

Install your faucet

Reconnect garbage disposal or dishwasher (if needed)

7. Enjoy the Transformation

Clean, durable, and made to last—your new countertops are ready to shine in your space.

At Effect Distributor, we're here to guide you every step of the way.