

10 things you should ask yourself before a countertop remodel

- How much can you afford? Look around and set a realistic number but one you can live with.
- Did you set a low, mid and high price range? No matter if you are looking for laminate, solid surface or stone, you should set your limits.
- How do you long plan on staying at the residence? Is this a long-term investment or will you be selling quickly. This should guide you in how much you to spend.
- Are you doing to update of just the tops or are you doing a mass remodel? Pinning down the size of the workload may help you decide your budget.
- Are you moving towards a new color pallet? Look around at recent purchases; are you beginning to like different colors? You will live with the new design; best to make sure you aren't changing your style.
- Are your cabinets in good enough shape to just do countertops? Do a little poking around. What shape are your cabinets in? Do they have any water damage or general life-wear? Will they make it through the process of removing the old tops and installing the new ones?
- Do you plan on hiring a contractor or can you do the work yourself? Sometimes the mistake we make in doing things ourselves, and have to reorder, cost more in the long run than if we hired help from the beginning.
- Are you updating your sink? Some sinks can be reused, some cannot. A plumber can tell you for sure.
- What are your concerns about your old tops? What are you trying to change? Just the edge? Just the color? Both? Going with a tile backsplash instead?
- What are your timeline expectations? Get all the information you can prior to starting. Set a realistic timeline with the understanding sometimes things don't go as expected. Keep in mind that you may have hidden surprises. This way, if everything goes as planned you'll be pleasantly surprised!