

Materials Comparison

Materials	Should I cut on it?	Should I roll dough on it?	Should I place a hot pot on it?	Is it virtually stain-proof?	Main advantage?	Main disadvantage?	Expect to pay per sq. ft.
Natural Stone	YES	YES	YES	NO	DURABLE	EXPENSIVE AND REQUIRES RESEALING	\$70-\$100
Quartz Surfacing	YES	NO	NO	YES	DURABLE	EXPENSIVE	\$70-\$250
Solid surface	NO	NO	NO	YES	DURABLE AND CAN FORM INTEGRAL SINK	NOT GOOD FOR HOT POTS AND PANS	\$70-\$80
Stainless steel	NO	YES	YES	YES	CLEAN LOOK AND CAN FORM INTEGRAL SINK	SHOWS SCRATCHES AND FINGERPRINTS	\$85-\$100
Concrete	NO	NO	YES	NO	TEXTURED LOOK AND IS EASILY SHAPED	REQUIRES SEALING	\$55-\$100
Laminate	NO	NO	NO	NO	LOW COST	LAYERS MAKE IT HARDER TO REPAIR WHEN CHIPPED	\$5-\$20
Tile	NO	NO	YES	YES, BUT GROUT IS NOT STAIN-PROOF	ARTISTIC LOOK	NOT A SMOOTH SURFACE AND GROUT CAN DISCOLOR	\$1 - \$100
Hardwood	YES	NO	NO	NO	GOOD FOR CUTTING AND CHOPPING	REQUIRES RESEALING AND SHOULDN'T BE NEAR SINK	\$10-\$40