

# THINGS TO KNOW / LAMINATE

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## ABOUT

If you're looking to add a fresh, new look to your kitchen or bath at an affordable price, laminate may be the way to go. Laminate countertops are made of composite material and melamine resin, bonded to particle board to create a countertop surface.

## FINISHES

- **POLISHED | HI-GLOSS | SEMI-GLOSS**  
A finish with a high shine.
- **HONED | MATTE**  
A finish with little or no shine.
- **LEATHER | CONCRETE | SUEDE | VELVET**  
A textured finish with little or no shine.
- **SPECIALTY FINISH**  
A unique finish with various texture & shine.

## CARE

For day-to-day cleaning, clean surfaces with a soft cloth using a mild liquid soap and warm water or a Laminate cleaner to remove most residues. For stubborn stains, use a nonabrasive soft bristled brush and scrub lightly. To remove soap scum, use a non-acidic soap scum remover. Rinse and towel dry the surface to prevent spotting. To prevent staining, spills should be cleaned as soon as possible. Darker colors require more frequent cleaning as they show dirt, dust, and marks easier than lighter color patterns. Use hot pads, trivets, cutting boards, placemats, and coasters to protect your surface from discoloration, scratches, and staining. Heat generating appliances must be placed on a trivet or hot pad.

## SEAMS

Seams will be filled with a color-matching adhesive for a nearly seamless look, however they will be visible and will be felt. Seams will be more apparent on materials with a more dynamic movement or pattern. All seam location wants and needs are considered, but the final decision is at the discretion of the fabricator. Seam placements will be determined based on slab/sheet size, layout, installation requirements, and safety.

## BENEFITS

- **BACTERIA RESISTANT**  
Non-porous so it does not harbor bacteria.
- **SEAMLESS SINK**  
Integrated for a smooth, sleek appearance.

## SUPPORT

The maximum unsupported overhang for a 1 ½" Laminate product is 12", as long as 2/3 of the countertop is supported by a solid affixed structure (i.e. cabinets, walls, etc.). Additional support or brackets are required in other situations for safety concerns. Bracket supports should be placed 6" from each end, spaced up to 30" apart, and 3" – 6" from edge.

*Please refer to each manufacturer's website for more information.*



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