



»»» A Homeowner's Guide to Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling





Thank you for considering
Granite and Trend Transformations
for your kitchen or bathroom
remodeling project.

We are committed to working around your lifestyle to make the entire process fast, easy and stress-free. That's why we have put together this informative guide to help you get started, and show how our unique process can allow you to give your kitchen or bathroom the facelift it deserves – without the mess and downtime of a major renovation.

Kitchen and bathroom remodeling jobs are among the most popular projects for today's homeowners. Helping you decide on quartz, granite or recycled glass countertops and overall design is what Granite and Trend Transformations does best. Let us walk you through the process to show you how easy it is.





Sometimes the hardest part of any project is making the first move.

Getting Started

You've already decided it's time to update your kitchen or bathroom, but you may feel a bit overwhelmed on where to start. A good first step is to determine how you'd like your kitchen or bathroom to look and the best materials that will suit your lifestyle. A kitchen or bathroom remodel from Granite and Trend Transformations means less mess, less stress, and little-to-no demolition. Your new countertops are installed over your existing ones, resulting in little or no downtime, and installation is as quick as one day. So, busy families, active seniors, and professionals who are on-the-go can rest assured they will not be inconvenienced by a kitchen or bathroom that is out of commission for weeks or even months.

One of our professional design consultants will help you realize the full potential of your kitchen or bathroom. With our design consultant by your side, you will have the security of knowing an expert will answer your questions and advise you on the best design and material choices.



The Process: What to Expect

Keeping the process simple and straightforward brings peace of mind when planning your kitchen or bathroom remodel. Clients of Granite and Trend Transformations can expect clear and defined terms that are easy as 1-2-3, and with a typical Granite and Trend Transformations kitchen or bathroom remodel, there are often no permits required or inspections to schedule. Here are the steps that are involved...

1 The Design Consultation Phase

Now that you've requested your free in-home design consultation, a Granite and Trend Transformations design consultant will come to your home, assess your kitchen or bathroom, and suggest the best materials to fit your space. The countertop, backsplash and cabinet options will be discussed and selected.

2 The Contract Phase

Granite and Trend Transformations will draft a contract that clearly defines the terms required for your project, including the material specifications, costs and payment schedule. An initial deposit is required to secure the contract. A second payment is required before materials are ordered, and a third payment is due upon completion of the project.* Once you pay the initial deposit, you have a three-day right of rescission, during which you can decide to cancel the contract should you choose not to move forward.

3 Template Phase

During this phase, Granite and Trend Transformations will develop a template (or graphical representation) of your new kitchen or bathroom, outlining all of the material specifications (colors, finishes, hardware) and sizes of all components. This is your opportunity to confirm all of your design selections.

4 Fabrication Phase

Once your template has been finalized, materials are custom cut and fabricated to match your individual template design. This phase takes about two weeks, depending on the level of complexity and materials chosen.

5 Installation Phase

During this phase, the installers bring all of your fabricated materials and install them – in as little as one day. If cabinet refacing is part of your remodel, installation can take up to four days. And when all is said and done, you have a new kitchen or bathroom in days, rather than weeks. What could be better?

Granite and Trend Transformations Countertops are Superior

Granite and Trend Transformations countertops are manufactured in the United States and engineered to outperform the competition, because they are made with a special product called ForeverSeal®, which is a polymer resin used to help strengthen and permanently seal surfaces. As a result, your Granite and Trend Transformations countertop will be durable, stain, scratch, heat, mold and mildew-resistant, never require sealing, and remain virtually maintenance-free. As the only countertop manufacturer that uses ForeverSeal®, Granite and Trend Transformations is able to produce engineered stone that is stronger, more durable and easier to maintain than ordinary stone (which can stain easily and be costly to seal or repair). You can add the charm and beauty of granite, recycled glass, or quartz to your kitchen or bathroom countertops, vanities, shower walls, and even fireplaces.

Below is a recap of why choosing [Granite and Trend Transformations](#) countertops is the better choice over traditional slabs.

Granite and Trend Transformations countertops:

- Are stain, scratch, heat, mold and mildew-resistant.
- Are backed by a Lifetime Limited Warranty.
- Never require sealing.
- Are maintenance-free.
- Require little-to-no demolition to install.
- Are installed in as little as a day.
- Are made in the USA.
- Maintain the classic beauty of stone without the upkeep.
- Provide a lifetime of beauty and durability.





Choosing the Right Countertop for Your Lifestyle

When it comes to high-end countertops, there's no question they are sleek, stylish and raise the level of décor in your kitchen or bathroom, but there are major differences to consider for both your lifestyle and budget. Doing your homework can save you a considerable amount of time and money down the road.

To add character to your kitchen or bathroom, some design professionals suggest installing more than one type of countertop or color to give dimension to your layout, and to define separate areas.

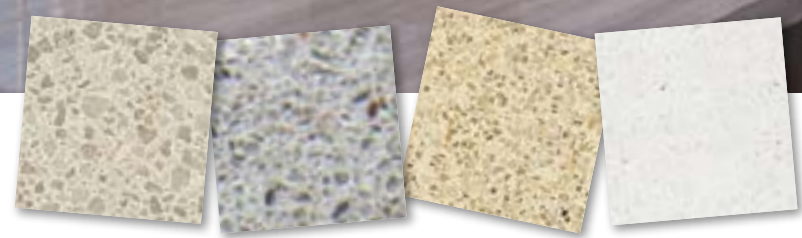
With more options than ever before, here is a snapshot of today's most popular countertops to help you decide the one that's right for you.





Quartz

Quartz countertops have become a fast-growing choice in the industry. Quartz is quickly gaining popularity among homeowners, as it has some added benefits that set it apart from ordinary slab granite.



Here are some benefits of choosing quartz countertops from Granite and Trend Transformations:

- Stronger than ordinary slab granite, making it extremely durable.
- Will not scratch as easily as other surfaces.
- Nonporous (making it more resistant to stains), doesn't require sealing, and won't promote the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew.
- Manufactured from quartz that is mixed with pigment for coloration and bound with resin. Quartz often has a shimmer or sparkle that many homeowners find appealing.
- Better choice for cleanliness, making it an ideal option for kitchens and bathrooms. Being so easy to clean and to maintain, it's often the superior choice for homeowners who have young children, or for the elderly, who may be susceptible to viruses or bacteria.

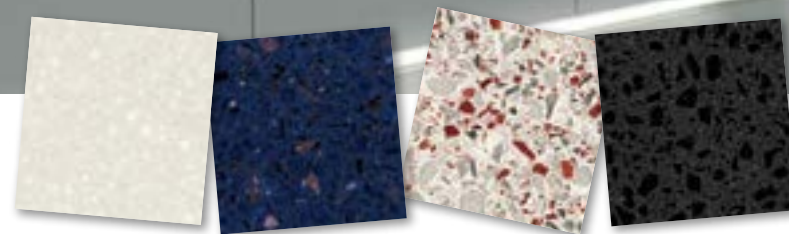




Recycled Glass

[Recycled glass countertops](#) are an exciting option for homeowners who are looking for a modern, fresh and unique surface in their new kitchen or bathroom. They are made from up to 72% post-consumer recycled glass. Not all recycled glass countertops are created equal. Granite and Trend Transformations takes the process to the next level by using our exclusive ForeverSeal® polymer resin in our recycled glass countertops – making them among the strongest and most durable countertops on the market today. Post-consumer recycled glass is combined with man-made semi-precious stones to create a shimmering look with varying degrees of color, resulting in beauty that's not ordinarily found in other glass countertops.

Our clients have raved about how their recycled glass countertops have become the focal point of their kitchen or bathroom designs.



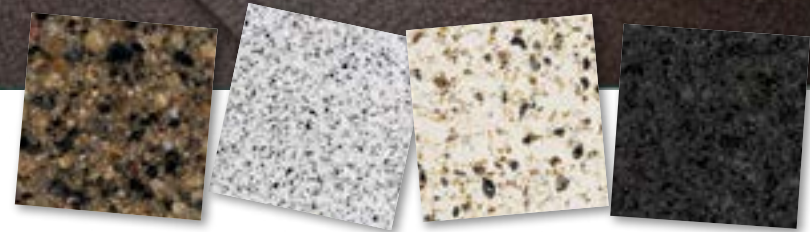
Here are some benefits of choosing recycled glass countertops from Granite and Trend Transformations:

- Resists heat, cold, stains, scratches (and more).
- Choice of many vivid colors to suit your personal style.
- Nonporous surface (easy to clean and resists stains, mold and mildew).
- Maintenance-free.
- Durable and functional.
- Eco-friendly (by maximizing the use of renewable resources to reduce waste).
- Manufactured in the USA.
- “Wow” factor – the unique look of recycled glass catches the eye and brings a touch of art to your kitchen or bathroom.
- Glass countertops are GREENGUARD® certified, contribute to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points, and do not produce any dangerous organic emissions (VoC).



Granite

[Granite](#) provides a naturally beautiful and elegant look to any surface, including kitchens and bathrooms, as well as to fireplaces, flooring and walls. Granite and Trend Transformations will use only the highest quality granite which is quarried in Europe and then engineered into strong, durable surfaces at our manufacturing facility in Sebring, Florida.



Here are some benefits of choosing granite countertops from Granite and Trend Transformations:

- Contains our own proprietary product called ForeverSeal®, which ensures the surfaces are nonporous, stain and scratch-resistant.
- Stronger and more durable than ordinary granite.
- Nonporous surface doesn't require sealing, and won't promote the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew.
- Guaranteed with our Lifetime Limited Warranty.
- Our granite color palette is constantly evolving to follow industry trends and customer input.



Glass Mosaic Tiles

For homeowners who are looking for old-world charm with a modern twist, glass mosaic tiles are an excellent choice, with many designs and colors to choose from. [Glass mosaic tiles](#) from Granite and Trend Transformations are highlighted with enamels and semi-transparent glass, which offer a classic Italian look. We use uniquely crafted mosaics that can be adhered over many surfaces. These beautiful tiles are pre-grouted with a latex grout, making them stain-resistant, and they will never crack or need sealing.

Our signature glass mosaic collections ([Liberty](#), [Subway](#) and [Metropolis](#)) are hand-cut and handmade, and are available in many [different colors](#).



> Tips for Larger-Scale Renovations

Although a standard remodel from Granite and Trend Transformations often does not mandate pulling a permit or scheduling an inspection, larger scale renovations (electrical or plumbing work, as examples) may require you to do so. Before getting started, verify with your county or state the laws which govern the work you are planning. Or better yet – simply ask your Granite and Trend Transformations design consultant!

> In Conclusion

Thank you again for taking the time to learn more about Granite and Trend Transformations and our unique line of products. We look forward to meeting you soon at your in-home consultation to help you plan the renovation of your dreams.



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