

# Top 4 Kitchen Countertop Design Trends For 2018

**Your kitchen countertops are the core of your design. It's one of the first things people see when they enter your kitchen – why not make it something worth seeing?**

**In the past, finding unique ways to enhance your countertops were limited. But today, you can find countless options for your kitchen counters. This includes a variety of materials and a multitude of color options.**

**So, whatever the color palette you choose for your kitchen, you can easily find a matching countertop. If you're on the path to finding a new kitchen counter, but are a bit lost, then look no further than the coming trends. Here are four of the top trends we will see for kitchen counters in 2018.**

## 1. QUARTZ IS THE NEW GRANITE



FOR MANY YEARS, GRANITE STOLE THE SHOW IN BOTH KITCHENS AND BATHROOMS. WHILE THIS BEAUTIFUL NATURAL STONE WILL LIKELY ALWAYS BE THE APPLE OF SOMEONE'S EYE, IT'S NO LONGER THE ONLY APPLE IN TREE.

QUARTZ IS QUICKLY GROWING IN POPULARITY AND WHY SHOULDN'T IT? IT'S A GORGEOUS STONE THAT'S HIGHLY DURABLE. FOR MANY, IT OFFERS THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS – THE BEAUTY OF NATURAL STONE AND THE DURABILITY OF AN ENGINEERED MATERIAL.

THE DOWNSIDE TO GRANITE IS THAT IT'S POROUS, WHICH IS WHY IT REQUIRES SEALING. BUT THIS ISN'T THE CASE WITH QUARTZ. IT'S NON-POROUS AND DOESN'T REQUIRE ANY SEALING. IT'S TOUGH AS NAILS AND WILL LAST A VERY LONG TIME.

IT'S IDEAL FOR KITCHEN SETTINGS BECAUSE IT CAN TAKE THE HEAT, SCRATCHES, SPILLS AND JUST ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE YOU THROW ITS WAY. CARING FOR QUARTZ COUNTERS IS VERY SIMPLE, EVEN FOR FIRST-TIMERS.

SINCE YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEAL QUARTZ, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE HEADACHE AND EXPENSE OF CONSISTENTLY RESEALING IT. THEN TO TOP IT OFF, QUARTZ COMES IN AN ARRAY OF COLORS, PATTERNS AND FINISHING TECHNIQUES.

## 2. INTEGRATED SINKS



INTEGRATED SINKS ARE ATTRACTIVE AND PRACTICAL. MADE OF THE SAME MATERIAL AS THE COUNTERTOP, THEY BLEND SEAMLESSLY, CREATING A SLEEK, MODERN LOOK. THE DESIGN ALSO MAKES FOOD PREPARATION MORE COMFORTABLE, AS THE SINK IS WITHIN ARM'S REACH. CLEANING IS EASIER, AS WELL, SINCE YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT FOOD PARTICLES GETTING INTO THE SPACE BETWEEN THE SINK AND COUNTER.

## 3. COUNTERTOPS WITH VEINS AND PATTERNS



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE THE NATURAL LOOK OF STONES THAT HAVE VEINS AND VARYING COLOR PATTERNS. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS THAT MADE GRANITE AND OTHER COUNTERTOPS POPULAR IN THE FIRST PLACE. HOWEVER, WHAT YOU FIND IN NATURE ISN'T ALWAYS GOOD ENOUGH. TODAY, THERE'S TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN CREATE COUNTERS THAT HAVE MORE CREATIVE PATTERNS AND COLORS. FOR INSTANCE, YOU CAN BUY QUARTZ COUNTERS AND IMPLEMENT MORE VEINING THAT MAKES IT LOOK MORE NATURAL. CERTAIN MANUFACTURERS CAN INTEGRATE MORE CREATIVE PATTERN SWIRLS INTO THE SURFACE TO MAKE IT MORE INTERESTING. RATHER THAN HAVING PATTERNS WITH ROUND PARTICULATES IS LONG GONE AND NOW WE HAVE QUARTZ SURFACES WITH REALISTIC VEINING.

## 4. NEUTRAL TONES OVER BRIGHT COLORS



THE DAYS OF USING BRIGHT COLORS IN A KITCHEN SETTING ARE SLOWLY COMING TO AN END. WE'RE NOW SEEING MORE NEUTRAL TONES ENTERING INTO THE SCENE. SO, GOODBYE THE BOLD BRIGHT HUES OF ART DECO AND ITS HELLO TO MID-CENTURY STYLES. NOW, WE ARE SEEING SOFT GRAYS, BEIGE AND WHITE TONES. HOMEOWNERS ARE LOOKING FOR LAID BACK DESIGNS FOR THEIR KITCHEN. QUARTZ OFFERS MANY NEUTRAL COLOR OPTIONS AND HOMEOWNERS ARE CHOOSING OFF-WHITES, NEUTRAL BEIGE AND ASHY GRAYS.