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Showcases **FULL SIZE GRANITE SLABS**



Vima Design customers have always had great granite and quartz samples to choose from at the Vima Design showroom, but for the **RARE, UNIQUE, EXOTIC AND ONE OF A KIND** granite choices, customers prefer choosing specific slabs to produce their counter top.

It's no secret that Cuisines Vima Design sells a great number of granite and quartz counter tops. Vima's main supplier recently relocated its showroom nearby, enabling Vima Design customers to select the granite of their choice from a wide range of full size slabs.

"Don't just shop for price; there are many aspects to consider when choosing your counter top":

1. Make sure you are quoted on the correct thickness and quality. **1 1/4 inch is the standard rough thickness**, some dealers quote 3/4 inch and double up the front edge only. Some suppliers try to pass off commercial grade.
2. Make sure you get the **granite supplier's technician** to take the exact measurements on site (called a template) as soon as the kitchen cabinets are installed. The template should be taken with the highest **quality digital numeric equipment** to make sure the delivered counter top fits and follows all the nooks and crannies of the crooked walls. Templates taken the old way (cardboard cut outs) often result in unacceptable results and damaged walls during installation.
3. Make sure the counter top supplier reinforces the weaker areas (front and back of sink cut outs) with **double epoxy rectangular steel rods** inserts underneath the front rim and a single rod in the back. This will maximize the strength in the weak areas.
4. Make sure the granite supplier uses premium quality slabs that have been **pre-treated with an epoxy resin sealant**. As all granite surfaces have pores or small imperfections known as pin holes it is essential that a sealant be applied to fill these pin holes for an overall smoother surface and to fully waterproof and stain proof the stone. After the counter tops are fabricated they are polished and receive a second coat of sealant directly in the factory to protect against stains. Make sure you get a maintenance kit with cleaner and additional sealant for future protection. Vima always has its surfaces **DOUBLE sealed** in plant and provides a free maintenance kit with each installation.
5. The size of granite blocks being quarried range between 9 to 10 feet long. Therefore the manufacturer may have to include seams in countertops whose length exceeds these measurements. A conscientious manufacturer makes sure the seams are located in areas that are less likely to interfere with daily use and that are least noticeable. Vima's granite manufacturer has a **patented "J" (Spectra®) seam** that is considered the least noticeable in the industry.
6. Make sure you get the granite/quartz counter top delivered and installed within **10-12 business days** after the digital numeric template has been taken.
7. Make sure the counter tops have a **soft polish finish underneath** the length of the rim of the complete counter tops and under the nook area where thighs are going to rub against directly. This will prevent runs or tears in clothes.
8. Make sure when the counter tops have been delivered and installed that they have been **well secured** to the cabinets and that the under mounted sink(s) are firmly in place.

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