

# Estimating the Price of Quartz Countertops with Cost and Labor

Quartz is an amazing stone which has become a family favorite when redecorating the home. Quartz is scratch, stain, chip, and heat resistant, as well as very easy to maintain. Unlike most stones, Quartz is manufactured by taking natural, mineral quartz in the ground, pressing it into slabs, applying resin for adhesion and dyed for color and design. Quartz is one of the most common minerals in the Earth's crust, leading to a large availability of quartz slabs.

When choosing countertops, quartz is an excellent option and is built to last with the home. Before you start picking out what quartz to use for your new countertops, make sure to understand how to budget for the many costs for quartz countertops by using our free [countertop estimator tool](#).

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## Cost of Quartz Countertops per Sq. Ft.

Quartz countertop pricing depends on a lot of factors: quantity, color, availability, edging and more. On average, quartz is charged by the square footage and can cost between \$45-\$100 to install. Every quartz is priced differently, so it's a good idea to choose a few options from our [quartz countertops](#) gallery and understand the pricing between them and your style preference.

## Factors of General Quartz Countertop Cost

Like we mentioned before, there are multiple factors which contribute to the cost of quartz countertops.

- **Quantity:** Like most countertop projects, the more material you need for the project, the higher the cost will increase. This also applies to the complexity of the job itself. A simple slab of quartz will be very cost effective, but adding in multiple seams, cut-outs and wrap arounds will increase the price substantially.
- **Edging:** When placing countertops, having the edges rounded out or shaped to presets adds an extra cost. Edges can vary on pricing as well since different styles require more precision and complexity to form. Some of our popular options like Straight or Half Bullnose are fairly simple and will add a minimal increase. Inspect each edge carefully to see what works for you by using our [Visualizer Edge tool](#).
- **Quality:** Most Quartz slabs are created the same and have a strong resistance to scratches, stains, and heat. However, the demand for quartz countertops has been increasing, and some manufacturers rush to meet the demand by mixing the quartz mineral to resin to dye ratio. An improper ratio could leave you with a lower quality quartz countertop compared to others. Lower quality quartz is cheaper but may not last as long as high-quality quartz.

- **Availability:** Quartz slabs that are in high demand will be more expensive to obtain. When shopping for Quartz, browse the selection of what is in stock before special ordering one.
- **Design:** Quartz price can vary depending on the complexity and elegance of the design of the slab. Typically, plain quartz slabs with little to no speckling or veining will be the cheapest, ranging from \$45-\$55. Then there are quartz slabs with a little more detail with veining and speckles, which can cost around \$55-\$65. Finally, quartz slabs that nearly mimic the iconic marble look of white stone and light grey veins, often seen in Calacatta marble can be anywhere from \$75 or more. Prices are often subject to change due to popularity. A popular Quartz that is costly now, could be less expensive another year when a different Quartz is trending.
- **Manufacturer:** Different brands of quartz will be priced depending on the origin of the manufacturer. Labor expensive countries like Israel and Cambodia are big companies and will be more expensive. It's better to find manufacturers like Venastone who offer a large variety of quartz at a more affordable price.

## Separate Charges for Quartz Countertops

Once you have carefully vetted through the quartz slabs and chosen the precise design to be your new countertop; comes the additional costs of labor and modification.

- **Cutouts:** Sections of the quartz need to be cut out to fit the sink, cooktops and other accessories. If the project entails making multiple cutouts for multiple accessories, then it will add on extra fees.
- **Backsplash:** With new countertops in place, the backsplash needs to be adjusted or possibly changed to fit your new style. Backsplashes can be properly measured once the new quartz countertops are in, which requires more time and work, increasing the price.
- **Distance:** The farther away you are from the fabricator site, the more the price will increase as transportation can be dangerous for the materials. It takes time for the laborers to travel to the site from the facility, and a lot of careful driving to ensure the materials are not damaged in transport. Different towns and states also have different pricing for their labor and materials.
- **Removal of Old Countertop:** In order to install the new countertops, the old ones need to be removed. We charge a countertop removal and disposal fee based on the square footage of countertop material being removed.
- **Honed or Polished Finish:** Depending on the type of finish you want (honed, gloss or polished) you can expect to pay extra. A polished finish will have your quartz shine like a mirror and could be worth a few extra dollars when upgrading.

## How good are quartz countertops?

Quartz is an amazing all-around stone which can fit any theme you want for your kitchen. Our [countertop comparison tool](#) will provide you all the information you need to know if quartz have all the attributes you want for your kitchen.

- **Durability:** Quartz countertops were made to last. It has high scratch, stain, and chip resistance.
- **Non-Porous:** Since quartz countertops are manufactured, they do not have the same porous properties as natural stone. With less miniscule openings, it is less likely that water, debris or acidic matter like juices will fall in and wear the material down over time.
- **Heat Resistant:** Quartz has a high heat resistance, allowing for hot materials like pans, plates or pots to be placed directly on it without damage. It is not advised to directly place hot metals on countertops, as it could cause damage over a long period of time. However, quartz is strong enough to

last longer than other materials like Onyx, Gemstone or Limestone.

- **Easy to Maintain:** Quartz countertops are built to last and do not require constant effort to maintain. You can rest easy knowing your countertops are lasting perhaps longer than the house.
- **Patterns:** Being man-made, quartz has an infinite number of styles to it. This allows quartz to feel more unique like a piece of art inspired by nature. In recent years, quartz manufacturers have mastered the art of mimicking natural patterns like marble. In some cases, stone experts can be stumped telling the difference if the designs are natural or not.

Quartz countertops may seem like they are expensive to set up, but their unique designs and overall great stats will enhance your kitchen for all to see.