

SPACETURTLE

CONSTRUCTION

COUNTERTOP COMPARISONS

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| Material | Cost | Staining | Cutting | Heat | Scratches | Impact | Common Names |
|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Quartz (Natural Stone with Resin) | \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ | Very Good | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Fair | Cambria, Corian Quartz, SileStone, CaesarStone, Allen + Roth, Zodiac, Vicostone, Wilsonart, Hanstone, Daltile |
| Granite (Quarried Slab) | \$\$-\$\$\$ | Very Good | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Fair | Artisan Stone |
| Solid Surface | \$ - \$\$\$ | Very Good | Fair | Fair | Fair | Very Good | Dupont Corian, LG Hi-MACS |
| Compact Surface / Sintered Stone | \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$ | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Very Good | Dekton, Neolith |
| Butcher Block (Varnished) | \$\$ - \$\$\$ | Excellent | Poor | Poor | Poor | Poor | |
| Quartzite (Quarried Slab) | \$\$ - \$\$\$ | Very Good | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Very Good | |
| Soapstone | \$\$ | Good | Poor | Excellent | Fair | Poor | |
| Marble | \$\$ - \$\$\$ | Fair | Poor | Fair | Poor | Poor | |
| Recycled Glass with penetrating Sealer | \$\$-\$\$\$ | Good | Excellent | Excellent | Excellent | Poor | Curava |
| Laminate | \$ | Excellent | Fair | Excellent | Good | Very Good | Formica |
| Ceramic and Porcelain Tile | \$ | Fair | Excellent | Excellent | Very Good | Good | |
| Concrete (topical sealer) | \$\$ - \$\$\$ | Excellent | Poor | Fair | Good | Poor | |
| Stainless Steel | \$ - \$\$\$ | Good | Poor | Excellent | Fair | Poor | |
| Limestone | \$ - \$\$ | Poor | Poor | Excellent | Fair | Poor | |
| Bamboo | \$ - \$\$\$ | Poor | Poor | Poor | Good | Poor | |

Source: Information compiled by Consumer Reports July 2013 and Manufacturer Product Information. **Stains** shows resistance to 20 common foods and household products. **Cutting** reflects resistance to damage from weighted chef's and serrated (non-ceramic) knives use in slicing and chopping motions. **Heat** gauges how well materials resisted damage and discoloration from a pot filled with oil heated to 400 degrees. **Abrasion** is resistance to damage from a weighted sanding blow. **Impact** reflects ability to withstand blunt and pointed weights dropped from 3.5 feet.