

How to Measure Countertops for Replacement

Steps to Measure an Existing Countertop

Here are the required tools and supplies you need to measure countertops accurately:

- A tape measure, at least 16 feet with a self-lock feature—especially handy if performing this exercise alone.
- A pen and paper. For sketching the rough outline and shape of the countertop. Alternatively, you can use a drawing or sketching app.
- A camera. A smartphone camera is fine. Ideally, you want to take enough pictures for your salesperson to see what they are working with clearly.

You can choose to measure the countertops by yourself or have another person help you—which we recommend as it can help ensure that the measurements are more accurate. Please keep in mind that these are preliminary measurements used for quoting purposes only. The fabricator will need to travel to the site to make more accurate measurements before production. They will produce actual templates that are used during the fabrication process by using a laser measuring tool for efficiency and more accurate measurements.

Here is how to measure the kitchen countertop:

Step 1: Create a rough drawing of the countertop

Start by sketching out a rough drawing of the existing countertop and island if applicable.

Highlight the placement of the sink and appliances. If you need to install quartz or tile for the backsplash, plot the shape on the same paper as well.

Step 2: Measure the countertop

Next, take measurements of the countertop. You can start with the length by measuring along the back wall of each section. The standard width of kitchen countertops ranges from 24.5 to 25.5 inches but confirm the exact width of your counters.

Also note if the countertop has an overhang and any required finished edges. If you want to make any changes to the overhangs, now is the time. If you choose to extend an overhang when installing the new counters make sure to add it to your measurements.

Step 3: Speak to the salesperson

If you're confused or unsure about the process of measuring the counters, the photographs and the diagram will come in handy. Just submit the measurements along with the diagram and photos to your sales professional, and they will be able to help you estimate the cost of new counters.

Will the countertops be already cut when they arrive on-site?

Yes, the slabs are fabricated in a shop. The pieces will arrive on-site pre-cut and ready for installation.

Quartz is a hard material. It requires expertise and the right tools to cut through the material. Mistakes result in additional costs and wasted quartz, so it's important to have professional fabrication.