



THE
CONCRETE COUNTERTOP
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Get Inspired! Enhance Your Home with Concrete Countertops

Provided by your local concrete artisan

Concrete is the perfect design medium. It is the most custom countertop material available, offering unlimited design flexibility, and it is practical and structurally sound. This makes concrete countertops one of the hottest trends in kitchen and bath design today.

Despite the growing popularity and ever-expanding consumer market, however, there are still many people who are unknowledgeable about concrete countertops in a practical sense. Too often people are under the impression that concrete is a risky product, and is suitable only for those who have very eclectic tastes and want very specific and unique designs in their homes. Or, people hear the word “concrete” and picture a sidewalk. Nothing could be further from the real possibilities of concrete countertops.

Concrete countertops are both practical and stylish. High quality concrete countertops made by qualified craftspeople don’t stain or crack. They provide a durable, practical surface for your kitchen, bathroom, sink or outdoor living space. Combine that with concrete’s chameleon-like ability to fit into any décor - from French Country to Industrial, from Retro to Rustic – and you’ve got an ideal medium for expressing your personal design.

Traditional Design

Concrete is perfect for traditional-style homes, such as European Manor style, or renovated plantation homes. Concrete in warm earth tones is ideal for such projects, and can provide character and uniqueness without sacrificing historic integrity, or reducing resale value. Concrete provides a warm alternative to the hard, formal look of granite. The photos below illustrate classic examples of traditional looks in concrete.

For this vanity, the designer pulled in the darkest tile color and added a “camel-back” backsplash to provide a very traditional look.



This powder room vanity features a veined look that contrasts beautifully with the curvy antique bronze faucet.



This Craftsman-style kitchen has a concrete countertop on the island and granite countertops on the perimeter. The coppery color of the concrete pulls in coppery flecks in the granite as well as coordinating with the glazed backsplash tile.



Four square copper pieces were embedded in each corner of the island.



This remodeling project replaced white cabinets with warm oak, and used decorative stone in the island to tie together the colors in the cabinets and countertops.



This remodeling project retained the white cabinets but replaced the white laminate countertops with pale terra cotta concrete countertops to coordinate perfectly with the Italian porcelain tile and the creamy yellow paint color selected for the walls.



This fireplace surround shows how intricate the patterning in concrete can be, to complement beautiful millwork.



This simple country kitchen is nicely complemented by a rich brick-colored concrete countertop.



Outside the Box

With concrete, you are free to think outside the box. Incorporate meaningful mementos that reflect your interests. Choose a color to match your décor. Tie in details such as glass tiles or molding patterns. Pull in style elements such as copper accents. Create an organic shape that fits perfectly in the room.

This allows you to create a unique look that stands out from the typical granite, raising the status of your home. Concrete also gives you something that nobody else has, since every piece is made completely from scratch just for you. Replace your 1990s white kitchens with rich wood cabinets and concrete countertops. Replace your “builder-grade” granite with custom concrete.

Look at the examples below, and imagine the possibilities for your own home or work space.

This ochre countertop sample with chocolate brown veining coordinates beautifully with the tile, the cabinet wood and even the knobs.



Two concrete samples were produced to match the paint color.



This homeowner collected antique keys and displayed them throughout her rustic log cabin home.



For homeowners with residences in New York and North Carolina, these coins symbolized their two states, and a penny for luck.



The homeowner wanted her broken wedding crystal and vases embedded in this bartop.



Close-up of embedded glass.



This modern kitchen incorporated metal objects and contrasting colors for an edgy look.



Close-up of embedded metal gears filled with bright blue concrete.



The homeowner specified the exact placement of large glass tiles in this freeform countertop.



Extra tiles were broken up and incorporated into the concrete countertop.



Placing a geode in an edge right at the entrance to this kitchen makes a dramatic statement.



Concrete works beautifully with a mix of materials including wood, stainless steel and lighted glass.



The Bottom Line

Whether you're looking to make your home unique to you, or you have the housing market in mind for resale value, concrete is a great option. These photos are just a few examples of the possibilities with concrete. With a skilled artisan to create your concrete work of art, the only limit is your imagination!