

Laminate Facts

What Makes High Resolution Laminate Different From Standard Laminate?

High Resolution laminate offers deep rich, wide sweeping patterns with the look of natural stone. The finish process also makes high resolution 3x more durable than standard laminate.

Do I Need To Call Out Where My Appliances Are Placed When Measuring?

Yes, please note all sink and appliance locations as well as exposed ends. Note brand and model number when cooktops or cutouts are needed within the design to ensure a proper cutout.

Are Samples A True Representation Of The Color Selected?

Printed representations of the colors may differ from the actual samples. Sample chips (1-1/2" x 3" for standard colors and 3" x 5" for high resolution colors) represent a portion of the overall laminate sheet and may not encompass all aspects and color tones in the design. It is always best to view the sample chips in your space and light for proper representation of the color. Larger 8" x 8" samples can be ordered of all materials on www.menards.com.

Can Sink Placement Be Adjusted Forward And Backward?

Yes, however there are limitations based on your layout. A Menards Team Member can help you plan accordingly.

Can Countertops Be Made Out Of Square?

Yes, however there are limitations based on the material chosen. Laminate would have to be to a self edge.

What Edge Profiles Are Available?

We offer four wrap style edges, four standard edges and a specialty edges. Styles include Ogee full wrap, Aurora, Marquis, European, Ogee, Principal, No-Drip, Modern, and self-edge styles.

Why Is My Design Only Available In The Self Edge Style?

Due to postformed nature of laminate countertops if a countertop design requires a profiled edge along both the front and ends of a design it will only be available in self edge style.

What Are The End Finishes Available And Where Should They Be Used?

End finishes offered include profiled, end cap applied and straight cut.

Profiled ends allow the same edge profile as the front edge of the top to wrap around to an exposed end, but are limited to self edge style.

End Cap Applied is a straight cut end with a laminate end cap running the length of the cut. This is ideal on ends that are exposed into a room or next to an appliance such as a stove or refrigerator.

Straight Cut ends are cut and uncapped. These are commonly used where the edge will not be visible such like where an end butts up against a wall.

Is Backsplash Available To Be Ordered?

Yes, backsplash is available as an attached or loose option. Availability is based on depth and order details.

What Is A Factory Installed Undermount Sink?

Factory installed undermount sinks offer a smooth transition from the countertop to the sink with no lip for water or dirt to build up. These sinks are installed at the factory for a quicker installation of your top. A small shadowing or halo effect may be visible around the outside of a factory installed undermount sink in laminate. This halo is not a defect, but rather an inherent trait of the installation. This ring may be most noticeable on darker and matte colors of laminate, but will not affect the performance of the countertop.

What Materials Are Available For Undermount Installation In Laminate?

Stainless Steel, Quartz and acrylic. Please note, acrylic sinks are not recommended for use with garbage disposals.

Will The Faucet Holes Be Cut In My Laminate Countertop?

No, faucet holes will need to be cut on the job site per the installation instructions.

Can I Change The Angle Of The Miter Cut?

No, miter angles available are 45°

What Is The Largest Piece That I Can Order Without A Seam?

You can order up to 60"x144" in self edge only; any size over 60" requires a field seam. Some of the more common grain direction mismatches are shown below. In these instances, it is recommended to use a non-direction pattern, with smaller repeats for these applications.

Will The Grain Of The Laminate Run In One Direction On My Countertop?

Due to the unique patterns in laminate, seams may not always match in pattern or grain. Patterns with larger repeats will create variances within the countertop where they meet on joints and miters. In addition, pattern may vary from piece to piece within an order.

Are Build-Up Strips Needed For Installation?

Yes, build-up strips support the countertop and help prevent damage. Installation of build-up strips should be completed per the installation instructions available on www.midwestmanufacturing.com to avoid voiding the warranty.

Is Dishwasher Moisture Barrier Tape Needed?

Yes, Dishwasher Moisture Barrier tape (SKU 485-4285) should be installed prior to installing the countertops on the cabinets. Failure to install the barrier tape will void the warranty.

Do I Need To Use Water Resistant Wood Glue On Joints And Miters?

Yes, water resistant wood glue (SKU 485-4284) is included in the installation kit or available for purchase at any Menards® store. Failure to use water resistant glue on miters and joints can lead to the countertop delaminating.

I Received Seam Filler With My Installation Kit, What Is This Used For?

Seam-filler is used on joints and miters to disguise the seam as well as to help seal the seam or joint where the waterproof glue was used. Seam-filler is not a replacement for waterproof glue and should be used in accordance of the installation instructions when installing joints and miters.

Can Accessories Such As Color Match Caulk, Seam-Filler, And Dishwasher Moisture Barrier Tape Be Purchased Separately?

Yes, items such as miter bolts and biscuits, moisture barrier tape, and waterproof wood glue are sold in all Menards® stores. Color match caulk or seam filler can be ordered at any Menards® store.

How Do I Care For My Laminate Countertop?

Wash the surface with mild dish washing detergent liquid or a powdered detergent; add warm water and wipe with a soft dish cloth. Rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth. This is generally all that is needed. For stubborn spots, make a paste with baking soda and water. The paste will be slightly abrasive. Work carefully to keep from damaging the surface you are cleaning. Dip a soft bristle brush into the paste and cover the bristles. Gently rub the spot with the brush, moving in a circular motion and pressing very lightly. You may also use magic eraser stain remover following the manufacturer's instructions for stubborn stains. Please note: DO NOT use cleaners that contain harsh acids or abrasives, like but not limited to, bleach.

Is Laminate Resistant To Heat?

Extreme heat can permanently damage laminate countertops. Always use a trivet or hot pad when placing hot items on your countertop surface. These items include, but are not limited to, pots, pans, or crock pots.

Can I Cut On A Laminate Surface?

No, avoid cutting directly on laminate countertops, always use a cutting board.