

# Quartz Vanity Top Installation Guide

**IMPORTANT:** Please read through the entire instructions before starting your installation. Failure to follow these instructions could possibly void the warranty on your countertops.

Color Match Silicone and Spray Mist are available for purchase at your local Menards store.

CustomCraft Countertops® Quartz vanity tops should be stored in original packaging.

When handling your vanity tops, it is important to carry on edge to avoid damage. Be careful, CustomCraft Countertops® Quartz vanity tops are heavy.

The day before installation, the tops should be brought into the room they are to be installed in. Be sure to allow 24 hours for the countertops to acclimate to room temperature. Never install cold Quartz vanity tops. Installation kits should always be stored at room temperature to avoid freezing of the caulks and adhesives.

Before installing your vanity top, dry fit to ensure proper placement.

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## Additional Materials Required

Pencil or Fine Tip Marker

Hot Melt Glue Gun

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Tape Measure

Caulk Gun

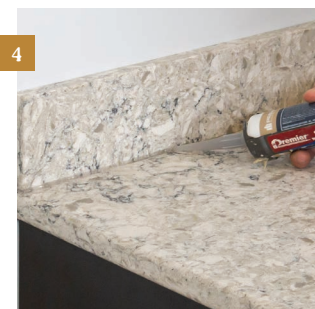
Silicone Caulk

Level



## 1 Installing Vanity Top

1. Apply a dime-sized dab of silicone caulk every 24" along the face, back, and side panels of the cabinet. It is not necessary to run a bead of caulk. (Fig 1)
2. With assistance, if necessary, position the top above the cabinets and gradually tip the front edge down and back tight to the wall. Firmly press down on all points of the vanity top to ensure contact with the silicone. (Fig 2)



## 2 Installing Backsplash

1. Before installing splash pieces, dry fit to ensure proper placement. Place dime-sized dabs of silicone caulk every 18 inches along the piece of splash. (Fig 3)
2. With longer pieces of backsplash it may be necessary to place dabs of hot melt glue between the caulk dabs to hold in place until the caulk sets up. Set up time on silicone is 15–20 minutes. However, hot melt glue will set up within minutes, so position in a timely manner.
3. Press firmly back and down against wall and countertop until the hot melt sets.
4. Apply an even bead of color-matched sealant, approximately 1/8" along the seam where the countertop and splash meet. The color match sealant has a 20 minute working time. (Fig 4)
5. Use the spray mist and spray the included tool to help smooth the silicone bead during tooling. (Fig 5)
6. Place the longest beveled edge of the tool on the horizontal surface and rotate the small tip in the direction of the excess to be removed. Tilt the tool towards the splash until the short beveled edge of the tool touches the surface of the splash. (Fig 6)
7. Using moderate pressure, move the tool along the silicone bead. Removal of excess silicone is suggested throughout the process for the best performance.

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**NOTE:** Color-matched caulk will dry darker. Color-matched caulk is non-toxic, non-flammable, and mildew resistant.

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## Care & Maintenance

Recommended cleaners include Simple Green®, Rock Doctor cleaner, Mr Clean Magic Eraser®, and denatured alcohol.

To clean the surface, wash with a mild dish washing liquid or powdered detergent; add warm water. Use a soft dish cloth. Rinse with warm water and dry with cloth. Water is generally all that is needed. A quick wipe will clean most stains and maintain the rich, lustrous gloss.

For Harder to remove spots, use an all-purpose cleaner or bathroom cleanser. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Rinse with warm water and dry with a soft cloth. Please note, do not use cleansers that contain harsh abrasives.

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 to cover the bristles. Gently rub the spot with the brush, moving in a circular motion and pressing very lightly. You may also use a Magic Eraser® following the manufacturer's instructions for stubborn stain.

### Preventing Damages

While CustomCraft Countertops® Quartz is designed to withstand heat better than most countertop materials on the market it can be damaged by extreme temperature changes, whether sudden or prolonged. 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.

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**NOTE:** Never expose your countertop surface to harsh chemicals, such as oven cleaners, drain cleaners, paint removers, acids, etc.

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