

Laminate Template Guide

IMPORTANT: Your countertop will be produced to the exact specs on this template.

The lead time on your order starts from the day your template has been approved online.

All changes that are needed to the template should be on the drawing, included in the template kit.

Do not modify the vinyl template by cutting it, in order to reconfigure it.

To Approve Your Template, Please Visit

customcraftcountertops.com

Additional Materials Required

Painters Tape

Tape Measure

Permanent Marker

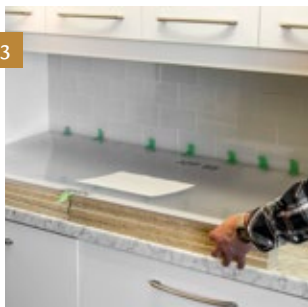
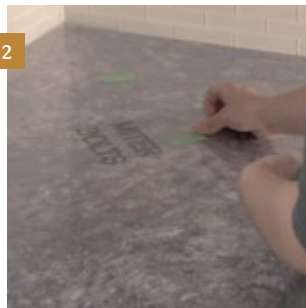
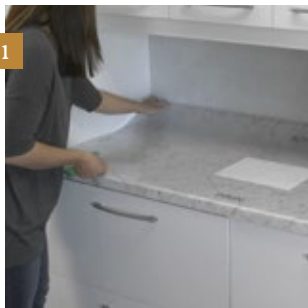
Thumb Tacks



1 Positioning Template

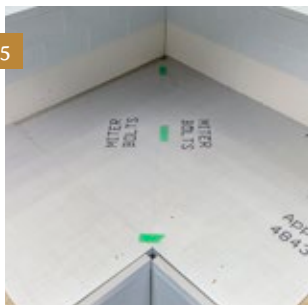
Existing Countertop

1. Roll out template over your existing countertop. (Fig 1)
2. Line the pieces up so all miters and joints are lined up. Use painters tape to secure the pieces together. Thumb tacks can also be used to hold the template in place. (Fig 2)
3. The back edge of the template should be lined up against the wall. Adhere the template to the wall or backsplash using painters tape or push pins. Level the front edge of the template with the backsplash using books, DVD's or scrap wood. This is easiest to do with another person assisting. (Fig 3)
4. For existing faucets, make slits in the template to accommodate. Please do not cut out the section as it contains information that will need to be verified in another step. (Fig 4)



New Construction

1. Roll out template over your cabinet boxes. (Fig. 5)
2. Line the pieces up so all miters and joints are lined up. Use painters tape to secure the pieces. Thumb tacks can also be used to hold the template in place. (Fig 6)

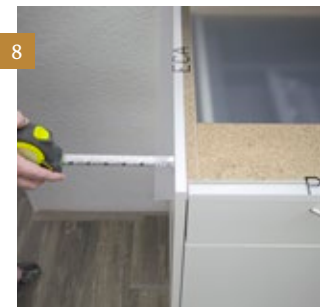


2 Verifying Dimensions & Overhangs

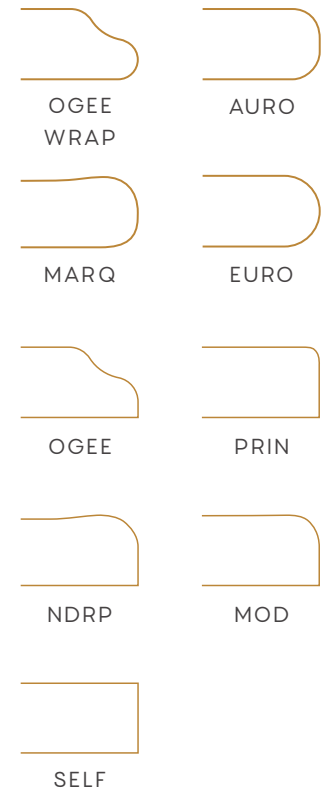
1. Verify all dimensions to be accurate, including all lengths, widths and the height of the backsplash. (Fig 7)

NOTE: The thickness of the countertop will raise the backsplash to its appropriate height.

2. Verify that all cabinets are covered with the desired overhang. (Fig 8)
3. Verify all sink and appliance locations.



5 Verify All Edge Styles



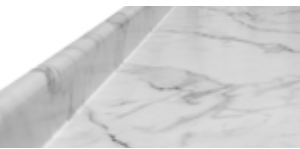
4 Verify All Back & End Treatments

LBS - Loose Backsplash

Commonly used for countertops with custom depths or custom height backsplash.



APP BS - Applied Backsplash



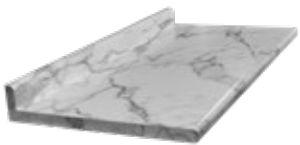
S/C - Straight Cut (Raw)

Used when non countertop backsplash is being used.



ECA - End Cap Applied

Used against stove, refrigerator, tall utility cabinet or exposed end.



End Splash

Commonly used to protect your wall from water damage.



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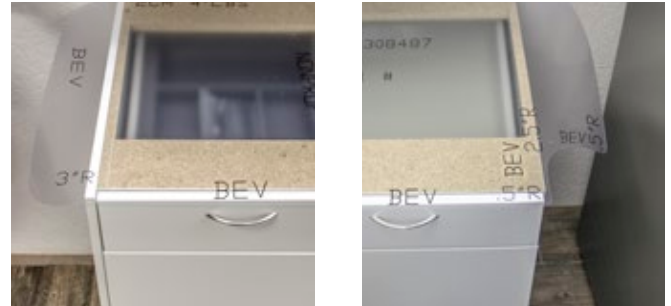
Used against a wall.



5 Verify All Radius Corners, Clips & Notches

All radius corners and clips should provide the desired overhang.

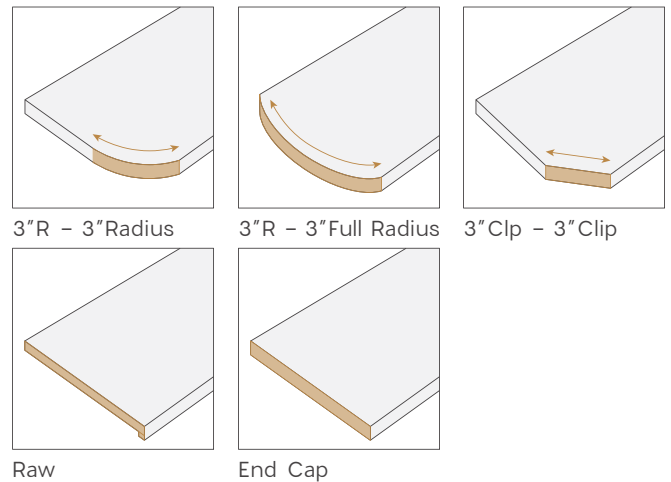
NOTE: 3" radius and a 3" clip require 3" added to the countertop length for proper overhang



Corner Treatment Abbreviation

- 1.5"R (1.5"Radius)
- 2"R
- 2.5"R
- 3"R
- 6"R
- 12"R
- ESD (Eased Corner)
- 2" Clip (2"Clip)
- 3" Clip
- 6" Clip
- 12" Clip
- 3" Full (Full 3" Radius)
- 6" Full
- 12" Full
- Notched Corners

Examples



6 Verify Seams & Joints Are Labeled Correctly And Are In The Correct Locations

NOTE: Seams should be located over a cabinet upright for support and to aid in the leveling of countertops. Seams or Miters should never be located over a dishwasher or where a sink is being placed.

Miter Bolts

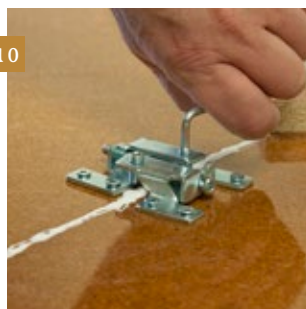
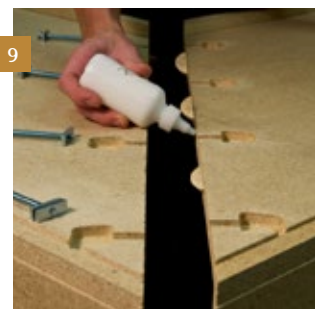
Seam or joint cut for miter bolts and biscuits. (Fig 9)

Seam

Straight cut between two pieces of countertop.

DAF - Dual Action Fastener

Joint cut Dual Action Fasteners. (Fig 10)



7 Sink Cutouts, Cook Top & Appliance Cutouts

Sink Cutouts

1. Verify the location of the sink cutout will work with your sink base cabinet.
2. Verify that the cutout shape and size is correct for the sink chosen:

Drop-in Sinks – Set the sink to be installed onto the template and verify that the cutout is the correct size for the sink to be installed. DO NOT Approve if you are not in possession of your sink. (Fig 11 & 12)

Copper or Fire Clay Sinks – Verify dimensions of cutout.

DO NOT Approve template unless actual sink can be verified as they can vary in size.

Factory installed sinks have additional information on the sink cutout to aid in placement. Sink cutout will show countertop cutout and sink rim location.



Cook-Top & Appliance Cutouts

1. Verify the placement of the appliance cutouts to the cabinets.
2. Set the appliance on the template to verify cutout is the correct size and shape.

8 Template Approval or Changes

If your template is correct and requires no changes, please go to customcraftcountertops.com and choose the Template Approval button, enter the Template special order number, and your approval code, then click on approve template bottom on the web page. Once your template has been approved, your countertop will go into production.

NOTE: The lead time on your countertop start from the day your template is approved.

If your countertop order requires changes, please return to the **MENARDS**® store where your order was purchased and review the needed changes with a **MENARDS**® Team Member. Any changes made will require a new special order contract reflective of the changes. A **MENARDS**® Team Member will walk you through the process.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q – When does my lead time begin?

A – When the template is approved at customcraftcountertops.com.

Q – Will my countertop be made per the template?

A – Your new countertop will be made exactly to the template specifications, unless changes were required.

Q – What do I do if I need changes to my order?

A – Go to your local Menards store and talk to one of our team members.

Q – How do I approve my template?

A – If your template is correct and requires no changes, please go to customcraftcountertops.com and choose the Template Approval button, enter the Template special order number, and your approval code, then click on approve template bottom on the web page.