

## Beware of Discount Granite Countertops

Everyone loves a bargain; but when are the risks of going cheap too high? Focusing too much attention on price may lead to disastrous effects. There isn't one step of the job that can effectively be skimmed on, from the quality of tools bought to the type of sealer used. Preparing and installing granite countertops is a task only the most skilled practitioners can do right. In addition, good quality granite slabs are seldom cheap. You may opt to get thinner slabs or choose a style that isn't as desirable. However when you consider that installation costs will be the same no matter how good the granite is, it doesn't make much sense to compromise on materials.

The biggest disasters arise from small or unproven companies that employ shoddy craftsmen to do the fabrication and installation. Woodworkers can make a few bad cuts here and there without causing a catastrophe. Fitters of granite countertops on the other hand need to make every cut close to perfect. While a less skilled worker can get the job done, there is a noticeable difference in craftsmanship when compared to the work of a more experienced, quality installer. See examples on our website at [www.ns-concepts.com/hallofshame.html](http://www.ns-concepts.com/hallofshame.html).

Most importantly, if you see a slab that you "love" at another fabricator's location, don't choose that fabricator for that reason alone. Granite fabricators have lots of resources on finding the right slab for you. Choose your granite fabricator first then start shopping for the granite slabs. If you based your decision only by materials one has in stock, you might be sorry and end up with a shoddy installation.

Consumers are used to thinking in terms of price because this is all that matters when shopping for a new car or HDTV. As long as it is the same model, you are getting the same thing so why pay more? Granite fabrication and installation work is a different animal altogether. Granite fabrication takes time. The cheaper granite fabricators are going to make up for having a lesser price by producing more volume. This will result in your job being done rather quickly and a lot of the important details being missed. To make matters worse the installer may have to direct his or her attention towards other projects on the day your project begins. An overworked craftsman of course leads to less than ideal results.

Discount granite countertop suppliers don't always fail to please as there are always genuinely good deals out there. If you want to save as much as you can, you merely need to be more careful and observant and remember you get what you pay for.