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counter intelligence

Trends in materials and colors add interest to kitchen countertops

GALACTIC SERIES





BLACK DRAGON







NEBULA SERIES











- 1. Back to Nature Live-edge wood a trend in furniture design has inspired a new line of countertops from the Grothouse Lumber Co. Available in many species of wood — from earthy black walnut to iridescent sapele mahogany — the countertops feature the slab shapes, cracks, mineral streaks and wormholes characteristic of live-edge designs. Each surface is sanded and finished for use in the kitchen. For a source, 877-268-5412 or www.glumber.com.
- 2. Clear Choice Combining art and function, countertops from ThinkGlass are available in a variety of molded textures and colors. Made from 100% recyclable glass, the countertops endure high heat without cracking or scorching, are non-porous, require no sealant, hide fingerprints because of the textured finish, and resist scratches, mold and mildew. You select the glass thickness and edge treatments and can even add LED lights to further personalize the design. Prices average \$225 to \$325 per square foot. 877-410-4527 or www.thinkglass.com.
- 3. Appetizing Choice What better colors for kitchen countertops than spicy hues of chicory, coarse pepper, caraway, poppy seed and sage — the latest additions to the Zodiag® line of guartz countertops by DuPont. Zodiaq surfaces are non-porous and when properly cleaned do not promote the growth of mold, mildew or bacteria. \$50-\$125 per square foot installed. For a source, 877-229-3935 or www.countertops.dupont.com.
- 4. Heavenly Inspiration Silestone introduces two new lines of quartz countertops that bring outer space to earth. The Galactic Series, inspired by the look of granite, is characterized by a speckled patterned finish. The Nebula Series, inspired by the look of marble, is based on colors suggested by celestial nebulae complete with veining. All Silestone products are non-porous, require no sealing, offer antimicrobial protection, and resist scratches, stains and heat. \$54 to \$82 per square foot. 800-291-1311 or www.silestoneusa.com.