



Installing a Stone Countertop (BASIC)

What you will need:

- Fabricated Stone Countertop (a cut to size and polished countertop with sink holes can be purchased from a stone fabricator such as Valencia Stone)
- 100% SILICONE, Caulking, & Stone Sealer
- Wood Shims
- Surface Level

How to Install a Basic Stone Countertop (PROCEED WITH CAUTION)

1. **Carefully** carry your stone countertop into the work area and place on the counter base follow the tips below to avoid injury or breakage.

TIP: Stone can be very fragile and dangerous to handle at this stage so be very careful not to drop it or bang into any walls and cabinets. Always lift with your legs and wear a back brace/lifting belt if possible. Place the unfinished back side of the countertop down first with the finished edge held up perpendicular to the base then re position yourself in order to slowly ease the finished edge down to rest flat with the base and then carefully slide it into place. **DO NOT TRY AND DO THIS ALONE HAVE OTHERS HELP YOU!**

2. Once the countertops have been put in place and everything looks like it fits well, lift the countertop from the front edge and place a few dots of **100% silicone** in various areas where stone would meet the base.
3. After the countertop is in place use the surface **level** and make adjustments using the wood shims by placing them in unlevel areas underneath the countertop between the base and the stone.

TIP: insert the wood shims into place and then tear off the excess by pulling the shim downwards.

4. If you have a stone **backsplash** put a few drops of 100% silicone on the back of the backsplash and push it into place on the wall.

TIP: Hold the backsplash firmly in place to get it to set as flat as possible to the wall. Apply silicone to the stone where it meets the wall, not the countertop surface.

5. Install your under-mount **sink** by following our [online guide](#).
6. Use your choice of **caulk** to seal around the backsplash and any areas where the countertop meets the wall. DON'T FORGET TO [APPLY A STONE SEALER](#) TO **PROTECT** YOUR INVESTMENT.

[Contact a Stone Specialist at Valencia Stone](#) for more advice on **Installation**

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