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Concrete Countertop Update



Buddy Rhodes is contributing to the concrete craze by creating beautiful kitchen countertops like this one here.

It is well known by now that concrete has become the new material of choice for designers and homeowners across the United States. Leading the charge in the concrete craze are concrete kitchen countertops. In this article we will show you why they are so popular, where you can get trained on how to build concrete countertops, and available mixes on the market if you choose to not make your own countertop mix. [*Continue >*](#)





Why the Popularity?

All it typically takes is one look - whether it's in a magazine, at a restaurant, on a home tour, a television show, or in someone's home —and you're hooked. Even at trade show booths- at the recent World of Concrete trade show, visitors gawked and ran their hands across countertops displayed by Fu-tung Cheng, Buddy Rhodes, and FormWorks. You can't walk past concrete countertops and not want to reach out and touch them.

Few materials are as versatile as concrete. You can mold concrete into any shape, color it to match virtually any hue, and you can make it smooth or rough. Its versatility lends to a range of design styles from contemporary to classic. Metal, glass, or other objects can be imbedded in the concrete to create fabulous effects.



A beautiful concrete kitchen countertop by FormWorks.



Concrete countertops can be left looking natural to complement materials like wood, stone, and brick. Or, concrete can be treated with chemical stains, coloring pigments, aggregates, and epoxy coatings that allow concrete to mimic popular materials like marble, granite, and limestone.

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A Word to the Wise

It can be easy for a concrete contractor to mentally make the leap from seeing concrete countertops to wanting to build them for a profit. But be advised that building concrete countertops for a customer's kitchen or commercial application is a whole different animal than most concrete contractors are used to. Often contractors will be attracted to the very low cost of product to build countertops and the very high (sounding) sales prices that concrete countertops sell for in the marketplace. They don't take into account the demanding work of being center stage of a homeowner's kitchen remodel- the countertops are needed on a specific day and they had better fit perfectly.



