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Welcome!

Happy Thanksgiving

With the holiday season rapidly approaching, everyone here at LaRoe Remodeling would like to wish our clients a very happy Thanksgiving. We feel thankful to have so many great clients who have allowed us to help them improve their homes. We hope you have had many reasons to be thankful this year as well.

Tips for Selecting Counter Surfaces



Countertops have a strong impact on the overall feel and look of your kitchen. There are many choices available, so it is important to make an educated decision. Here are just a few options for counter surfaces.

Ceramic Tile – Ceramic tile is easy to install and comes in a wide range of colors, textures, and designs. You can place hot pots and pans on the counter surface without damaging the tiles. It is easy to

clean, however some tiles can chip and crack easily.

Laminates – The term “Laminates” covers many brands of plastic-coated synthetics. They offer both smooth and textured surfaces that are easy to clean. However, scratches are difficult to repair so you shouldn’t cut on it. Laminates are known for their lower cost and come in a wide range colors.

Wood or Butcher Block – While Butcher Block is very susceptible to water, cuts and burns, it can easily be renewed through sanding and re-sealing. When handling raw meat or fish, the surface must be thoroughly cleaned.

Solid Surface – Custom made to your specification, solid surface countertops such as

Corian come in a wide range of colors and patterns. They are stain resistant and scratches can be sanded out, but hot pots and pans can cause damage.

Engineered Stone – Engineered stone is nonporous and resists scratching, so it never needs sealing. It looks much like Granite, but is less impact resistant.

Granite – Granite is very scratch and stain resistant if sealed. It is also highly heat resistant. If not sealed, the countertop quickly absorbs stains so it is important to provide proper maintenance.

Marble – Marble is rarely used for a full countertop due to its cost. Its cool, non-stick surface is perfect for baking, so it is often used on an island or inset. Marble is very high maintenance, prone to stains, scratches, and discoloration. It must be professionally sealed to prevent damage.

Limestone – Also called Soapstone, these countertops are heat, impact, and stain resistant if provided with regular sealing and polishing. It is softer than granite or marble, and may crack or darken over time.

Stainless Steel – Sanitary, heat resistant and easy to clean, stainless steel provides a contemporary look to the kitchen. However, it can scratch and tends to show fingerprints and smudges easily.

Concrete – Concrete is heat and scratch resistant, but unless regularly sealed it will stain easily. It is very abrasive, so you should not cut on it. Cracking is common over time.

Monthly Home Maintenance Tip

Clean your gutters

Remove debris and leaves from your gutters to prevent clogging. Water trapped in your gutters can cause major damage to your roof and walls. For most homes, gutters should be cleaned about every 6 months.

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