

Quartz vs. Quartzite Countertop Decision Checklist

Work

How you use the kitchen

- ☐ Note your cooking frequency, spills (coffee, wine, oils), and hot-pan habits.
- ☐ Decide your maintenance tolerance: is routine sealing acceptable or not?
- ☐ High spill anxiety or kids making snacks daily? Lean quartz.
- ☐ Heavy cooking where heat tolerance matters most? Quartzite has the edge.

Slab & material checks

- ☐ For quartzite: approve the ACTUAL slab, not just a sample.
- ☐ Confirm the exact material name, classification, and care instructions.
- ☐ Ask the fabricator: does this stone need sealing, and with what?
- ☐ Check the quartz manufacturer's UV guidance for sun-exposed counters.

Plan the layout early

- ☐ Map slab allocation: perimeter runs, island, waterfall panels, backsplash.
- ☐ Review seam placement and vein direction BEFORE fabrication.
- ☐ Large island? Confirm one slab covers it or plan how veining runs across seams.
- ☐ Full-height backsplash? Budget extra slab material and vein matching.

Compare quotes fairly

- ☐ Compare the full installed scope, not material price alone.
- ☐ Confirm: slab count, fabrication, sink cutouts, edge profile, seams.
- ☐ Confirm: backsplash, waterfall panels, removal/disposal, sealing if needed.
- ☐ Reserve the slab and confirm lead times before fabrication holds up the remodel.