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## How Is a Prefabricated Granite Slab Made?

## **Prefabricated Granite Slabs**

A customer in the market for a prefabricated granite slab must first have an idea of the color granite they want for their countertop. Prefabricated granite countertops are already cut to several different standard sizes for kitchen islands or bathroom countertops. In addition, the edges and hole for the sink area are already cut. Each piece of granite is different, with various colors, shines and swirls or designs in the granite. So, it may be difficult to try and match other counters to a prefabricated one.

## How Prefabricated Granite Slabs Are Made

Many kitchen and bathroom design centers sell prefabricated granite countertops that are much lower in cost than having a custom granite countertop designed. A manufacturer takes a standard piece of granite and cuts it to popular sizes for kitchen islands and bathroom countertops, typically 8 feet, 6 feet or 4 feet in length by about 3 to 4 feet deep. The manufacturer then cuts a standard sink-size hole for the consumer to install their own sink and cuts standard-size holes in the granite for a faucet and two handles. In addition, either two or four of the corners will have a bullnosed edge (the corners are rounded off). The entire edge might be bullnosed as well. The granite is then sanded and polished to get rid of any rough spots and give the stone its shine and luster.

## **Delivering Your Prefabricated Granite**

Once you have chosen your prefabricated granite countertop, you can have the store you purchased it from deliver it directly to your home, or you can take it home yourself that day if you have a truck or SUV large enough to accommodate it. When transporting the granite, you should be sure that it is well protected with padding and kept in a stable environment to avoid sudden shifts which can cause it to break. Once you are ready to install the unit, you can place it directly on your cabinets and install all necessary hardware for the sink and faucet, and apply any necessary caulking to prevent water leakage.



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