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United Granite Publishes Guide to Planning Countertop Seams

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DURHAM, NC - United Granite LLC has published a guide for homeowners who need to plan seams on granite or quartz countertops. Released on November 17, 2026, the guide explains why most mid-size or larger kitchens need at least one joint, where it should sit, and how to approve the layout before cutting.

“The goal is not to promise an invisible seam,” said Orcun Aydin, president of United Granite LLC. “The goal is a planned joint: supported, color-matched as closely as the stone allows, and placed where you have already agreed it will sit.”

The Durham fabricator templates, fabricates and installs granite and quartz from its shop, so the advice comes from a team that cuts the slab. The full planning guide is available on the company website.

Kitchen runs, L-shapes, U-shapes and islands are often larger than a single slab, or they turn a corner that cannot be cut from one piece. Quartz is still supplied in set slab sizes and is not a seamless poured surface. The article treats a seam as a normal part of a real countertop, not a defect.

The publication says a joint should land over a cabinet side, a web or another solid support, not over a long, unsupported opening. Sink and cooktop cutouts already remove material, so they have to be part of the seam plan. On an L-shaped or U-shaped run, the corner is a common place for a joint.

For granite and other natural stone, vein and color movement should be dry-laid or digitally laid out so both sides of the joint belong to the same plan. For quartz, pattern direction and shade still need a check, because lots and slabs can vary. Homeowners are asked to review that layout on the actual slab or a marked photo of it.

A sample chip is useful for color, the article says, but the layout has to happen on the slab. A verbal promise to hide the seams is not a layout, and once the slab is cut the seam location is expensive to move. Thickness should be settled first, because a 2cm slab and a 3cm slab do not always get the same edge or support plan. The companion thickness guide covers that construction choice.

A finished seam should be tight, level, and filled with a color-matched material, though the joint can still be found in raking light or on a very uniform color. The post cites Cambria's product specification, which states that pattern and shade can change at a seam. An open, stepped or misplaced seam is treated as a punch-list item, not a feature of natural stone.

A small run or a simple vanity can sometimes be installed without seams if the finished shape fits one slab. Most full kitchens and large islands still need a joint, so the piece recommends asking for a piece count on the layout. Homeowners still choosing between granite and quartz can start with the company's material comparison .

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