



Welcome to Räke (pronounced 'rocky') Cabinet & Countertop Solutions. We welcome you to our world of many possibilities in updating/remodeling your space. Please see below for helpful tips on your journey to a more joyful, beautiful and useful space.

The 8 Sides of Quartz Countertops

Out of all the different materials for countertops (lamine, solid surface, granite, marble); Quartz is one of the most popular. It's environmentally friendly, because they use leftovers from mining and smaller bits that are mixed into the design. It's also durable and there's SO many color and design choices.

Once you choose your favorite Quartz Countertop color, you'll choose the Edge Profile (that works with your thickness, usually 1cm to 3cm). Here are 8 to ponder, and please note, you can ask your designer/builder what is available for each brand/color, and what the extra cost is for each type.

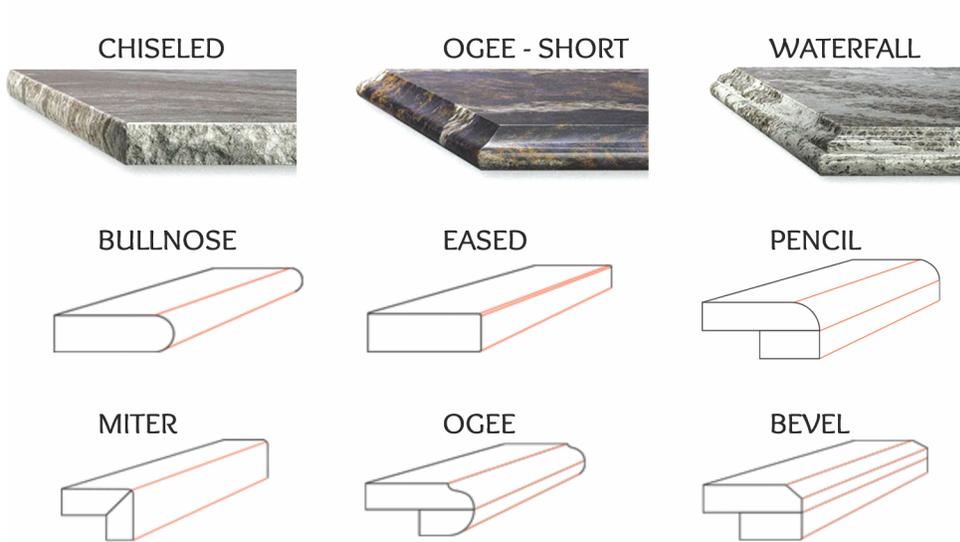
1. Chiseled Edge: This is that 'rough' cut natural look – good with at least a 3cm thickness top. Sometimes you'll see this on stone dining tables.
2. Bullnose: has a rounded edge and good for all thicknesses.
3. Eased Edge: One of the most popular, especially when you have a "make a statement" quartz design. This edge is rather minimalistic and compliments any color or style.
4. Pencil: This is a good one if you use a thinner top, and want it to look thicker on the edges.
5. Miter: This is also a popular one, especially for bar tops or islands.
6. Ogee: A traditional, yet still very beautiful edge, great with deep colors and intricate designs. There are also Short, Double and Triple Ogee edges.
7. Beveled: This is what it sounds like, with a sharper cut (rather than rounded) on top and/or bottom of the edge. This type does chip easier, but it is very beautiful and compliments just about any quartz design.
8. Custom: There are some brands that will actually cut a custom edge for you, in just about any shape or form. Ask your builder or designer about these. They can be quite stunning, and fit odd shaped islands, counters, and compliment any design.

There are more choices than mentioned above, but these are the most common. Remember that each brand may have their own 'custom named edge profiles', and to ask about each one and what is available for your quartz color choice. Quartz countertops always add to the value of your home, especially if you use a professional installer to help design it with your cabinets.

It's really a personal choice, looking at the Quartz colors and designs available, and considering your top thickness, (plus the finish - gloss, satin or matte). When you look at these choices, you can come up with a beautiful design for your home/office/studio/workroom.

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