



**HOW
TO MEASURE THE AREA
OF YOUR COUNTERTOP
IN JUST 5 STEPS**

1

Make A Drawing Of Your Kitchen

Depending on who you ask, this is either the most fun or most annoying part of the whole process. Get your hands on your graph paper if you can, although sketch or printer paper will work as well if you have a ruler.

The drawing doesn't have to be exactly to scale, it's mostly for reference. Use this drawing to mark measurements you've already made, and to keep track of where you still need to measure. Just draw a simple, top-down illustration with basic shapes to indicate counter- and floor-space.



2

Measure Your Countertops in Inches

Now, using your tape measure, go along each edge of your countertops to get a length and a width, or depth. For counters with rounded corners, add another half-inch or so to your measurement to be safe.

Mark each value down on the corresponding part of the blueprint you've already drawn up in Step 1. And make sure you are measuring in inches, as the most common unit for purchasing granite (in the U.S.) is square feet.

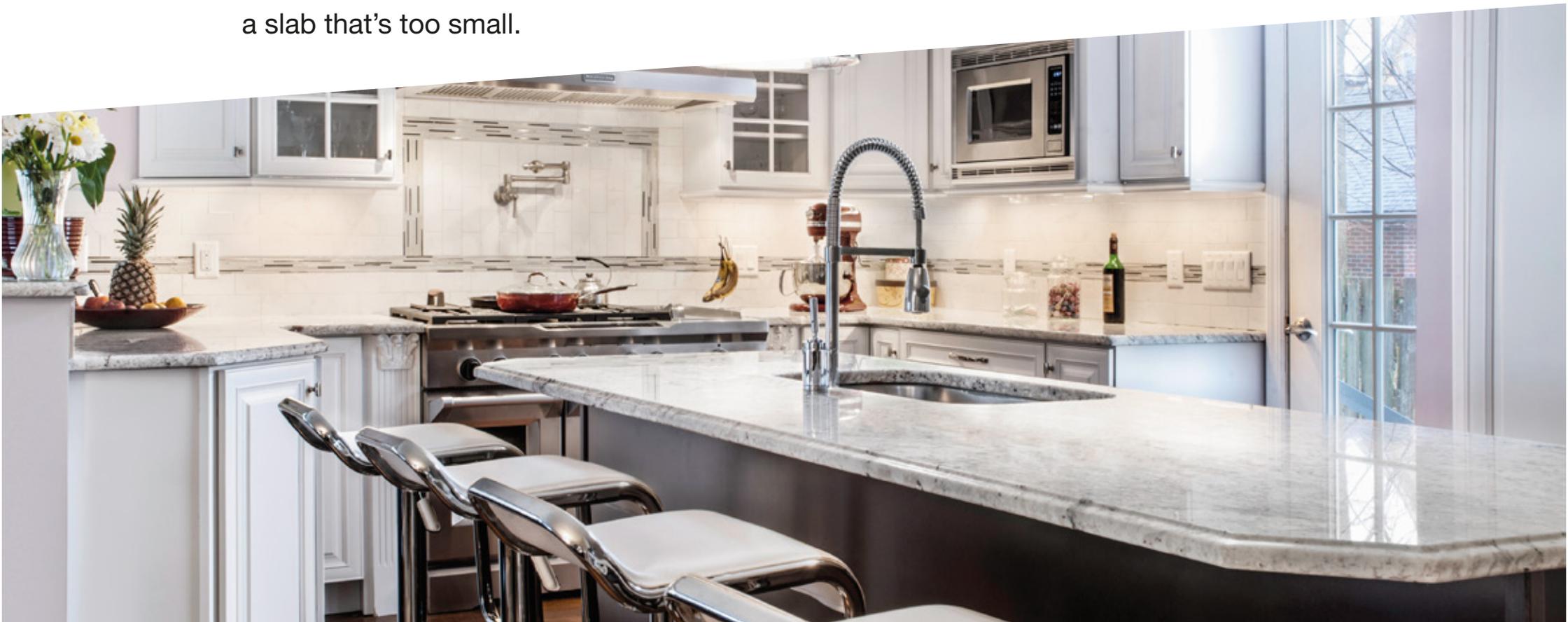


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Approximate Curved Edges

Many kitchens have countertops with curved edges. You can measure the edges of these with a tape measure, but that won't be very useful for calculating the square footage in the last step of this book.

Instead, imagine the counter as a square or rectangle. Measure the longest and widest edges, and use those measurements to calculate the square-footage of this area. By overestimating, you may spend a little more, but it's better than throwing your money away getting a slab that's too small.



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Estimate Square Footage

Now that you've taken all your measurements and finished your drawing, it's time to estimate the square footage of your countertop. Here's where the graph paper helps: make every shape in your drawing into a square or rectangle. Now, multiply the length by the depth of each shape to get its area in square inches. Add them all up, and divide by 144 to get the total area in square feet.



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Measure Twice, Cut Once

If you have any uncertainty about this process, it may be wise to get a second opinion. Buying a granite countertop is a big investment, and it would be terrible to buy the wrong amount just because you made a slight miscalculation. Have a contractor or handyman help you out with your measurements so you get it right the first time around.



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