

J. Aaron

Makers of finely crafted wood countertops



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Why J. Aaron Wood Countertops

- We hand select each board for proper color throughout the top.
- Our tops come sealed on both top and bottom to ensure warping doesn't occur and that the top is water proof.
- Tops are ready to install with very little labor required. All cutouts, drilling, and shaping is done at our factory before the product ships.
- Our tops come with a 5 year warranty against water damage and glue joint separation.
- We work with you throughout the ordering process so there is no guess work and the job comes out perfect and on time.

There's a lot that goes into the construction and fabrication of a wood countertop. We have skilled craftsmen who have been working with this product for years and know exactly what should and should not be done. You can trust that we are going to do the job correctly and within the quoted time frame.





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All of our products are proudly made in the USA

Solid Wood Countertops & Butcher Blocks

A wood countertop is a beautiful way to introduce a different texture and color to your kitchen or bath. They complement decors ranging from traditional, crossover, rustic, and contemporary. Wood makes elegant bar tops, heavy use chopping blocks, vanity tops, and even out door kitchen countertops. All of the countertops we offer are made from the highest grade hardwoods making them tough enough to take the daily beatings a kitchen countertop comes into contact with.

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Edge grain Iroko w/Torino
edge profile.

Plank style walnut



Wood Countertop Product Information

Warranty

J. Aaron LLC warrants our wood countertops for 5 years against glue joint separation and unreasonable warping. Wood tops will slightly move and change dimension with changing environmental conditions but they should never become a distraction or cause structural problems for the countertop or its surroundings. J. Aaron is not responsible for labor or installation charges, or any other expenses associated with defective product. J. Aaron LLC's sole responsibility is replacement, exchange, or repair of defective product.

Exclusions

- This warranty does not cover products installed in any outdoor application.
- This warranty does not cover use for any commercial purpose.
- This warranty does not cover improper use or abuse. Improper use or abuse includes, but is not limited to, damage from mishandling, damage from excessive heat or uneven exposure to weather conditions, physical or chemical abuse and damage from improper care and maintenance.
- This warranty does not cover scratches.
- This warranty does not cover failures due to installers not following the prescribed installation procedures as outlined by J. Aaron LLC.
- This warranty does not cover any chemical damage.
- This warranty does not cover any failures due to inadequate support for the installation.
- This warranty does not cover additional modifications such as plumbing, electrical, tile, cabinets, flooring, etc. that may be necessary to repair or replace the J. Aaron product covered under this warranty.
- This warranty does not cover checking which is a natural occurrence in solid wood.
- This warranty applies only to installations that are permanently installed in residences and that have not been moved from original installations.
- This warranty does not cover products that have not been paid in full.
- This warranty is transferable during the warranty period to any subsequent owner of the residence in which the surface product was originally installed, provided the original purchaser provides in writing to J. Aaron LLC the name of the new owner and contact information within ninety (90) days of the transfer. Under no circumstance will this warranty exceed five (5) years past the date of sale.
- Routine maintenance and minor conditions such as stains, checking, shallow warping, and water spots that are a function of proper care and maintenance and which may be corrected by following the techniques specified in the Care & Maintenance Guide are not covered.
- This warranty does not cover product installed with known or visible manufacturing defects at time of installation, including but not limited to color variance or flatness deviation beyond reasonable expectations.

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Structural Considerations

Most people are familiar with a wood surface in the form of a table top or piece of furniture. Most of these, even very high end pieces, are made of laminated plywood and veneer. They do this because it is very structurally stable, meaning it moves little in changing climates. A solid wood countertop is different. It is made up of large volume planks of wood that can expand and contract up to a 1/4" throughout the year. This can cause glue joints to have texture and can cause a top to warp if it's not properly secured to its base. These are all natural movements and are by no means defects in the top.

Color

Wood, as you know, is a natural product. We do not stain our tops like most cabinet companies or furniture manufacturers. This means that if you're working from one of our samples the actual product you get can vary in color. That's not to say we just use the wood we get and call it a day. Color consistency within a top is important to us and we go through several boards before having enough wood to fabricate the top we're working on.

Texture

Wood has texture and it will vary from board to board and even within the same board. Wood grain will be denser in some areas and more open in others. This is typical of all woods and is not considered a defect.

Knots

Some woods have more knots than others but most have some. When we put together a top we remove as many of these as possible but most tops will still have a few. These are part of wood's character and are not considered defects.

Checks

Checks are cracks in the wood grain. They are not on the glue joint. Solid wood countertops will do this from time to time and it is not considered a defect. To repair a check refer to the Care & Maintenance guide.

We hope this helps you make an informative decision about our products. We truly love our wood countertops and are proud of each one that goes out but some people just aren't good fits and we understand that.

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Sample Requests

Samples are made available at no charge, though we do ask our retail partners to cover the cost of S&H. This can be done via credit card or check.

We are very aware of the need for samples to be provide in a timely fashion but do to the large number of possible combinations of woods, profiles, and finishes not all samples will be immediately available. Please allow up to two weeks for delivery.

Staining Wood Countertops

Stained countertops are available upon request. To produce a proof sample we need a production sample to work from. This can be a cabinet door or any other physical example of the color you would like. Please mail your sample to:

J. Aaron LLC
733 Glendale Rd. #A
Scottdale, GA 30079

Please know that due to the nature of wood and wood stains exact matches should not be expected and that the final product may even vary from the proof sample.

Guaranteed Fit Program

Are you worried that your countertop may not fit? There's no reason for that. For \$150 plus S&H we will send you a foam cutout of the proposed countertop before the actual countertop is cut so you can verify the fit. The foam is easy to cut if you need to remove areas and easy to write on if you need to make notes of where additions need to be made. If alterations are necessary just send the altered template back to us so we have actual jobsite adjustments to work from.

So stop worrying, we won't cut a thing until you're sure it's right.

Care and Maintenance

For full care and maintenance instructions on all of our finish options please visit our website at www.jaaronwoodcountertops.com.

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Q&A

Is wood OK to use around sinks?

Yes. We seal our tops to protect them from water damage on top of using water proof wood glues.

How durable are wood countertops?

J. Aaron uses all hardwoods so the surfaces are dense enough to take common kitchen use. Damage such as light scratching and denting should be expected and in fact adds to the character of the surface.

Will the countertop ordered match the sample?

Wood is a natural product and will vary in color & grain pattern from one piece to the next.

Does wood harbor bacteria

Wood does not harbor bacteria more so than natural stone or even man made products like Corian. Most woods are even hostile environments for bacteria, not allowing them to be present in any measurable degree.

Can wood countertops be used around a range?

Yes they can. All ranges are designed with the burners far enough away from the countertop surfaces to virtually eliminate the chance of fire damage.

Do wooden countertops crack?

They can develop small cracks or checks toward the ends of the boards. These are not related to the glue joints and are not considered defects as solid wood will do this naturally. They rarely become structural problems and if desired can easily be repaired by the home owner.

Do wooden countertops ever move or change shape?

Yes. During different times of the year they will move or change dimension. This is a natural occurrence of solid wood.

Can I cut on the surface?

Cutting on the surface will damage the finish and potentially put cut marks into the wood itself. If the top is designed to be a cutting surface order it with a mineral oil finish which is great for this application.

Can I set a hot pan on my countertop?

No. We recommend using a trivet instead. You can damage the finish and/or the wood if the pan is too hot.

Are J. Aaron wood products food safe?

At this time we do not have food safe certification but due to the nature of the product it is as safe around food as natural stone.

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Terms of Sale

All sales require a 50% deposit with the balance due in full prior to shipment. If you would like to request an open account you may do so at any time. To qualify for an open account you must submit at least five references with a minimum of five years of excellent credit history. Open accounts are due by the 10th of each month. Accounts that run past due will be put on a "Hold" status with all current orders pulled out of production until the account is made current. A finance charge of 1.5% per month will be added to all past due accounts.

Prices

Prices are subject to change without notice. J. Aaron will only honor our estimates. Quotes are good for 30 days. We highly recommend you request a quote for all orders.

Change Orders

Orders may not be changed in any way once production has begun. If changes are absolutely necessary, changes can be made at an additional expense.

Shipments

All shipments are FOB Scottdale, GA. Shipments are sent pre-paid and will be added to the invoice. Once the shipment is received by the freight company the product becomes the sole property of the customer who takes full risk for all loss or damage incurred during transportation. All claims of damage or loss must be made by the customer against the freight company. ***J. Aaron LLC is not responsible for any damage, visible or not.***

J. Aaron will quote the S&H prior to the order being placed. This is based on delivery to a commercial address with a dock high. This is only an estimate. The costs may exceed the estimate resulting in a higher cost to the buyer. J. Aaron is not responsible for these added fees.

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Terms of Sale (continued)

Color & Texture of Wood

J. Aaron will go through several more boards than necessary in an attempt to find ideal wood in both color and texture to make up a countertop order. Wood is, though, a natural product and will have variations that can not be adequately shown in a sample. An order is not considered incorrect just because the color and/or texture varies from a sample. All customers should sign a release form provided by the retailer.

Wood Countertop Design Options

Finish Options

Satin Marine Varnish	Mineral Oil (Do not use on countertops with sinks)	Tung-Oil or Danish Oil
Water proof	Not for use in wet areas.	Water proof with proper re-application
Scratch resistant	No scratch protection	No scratch protection
Heat resistant	Provides no heat protection to the wood but heat will not damage the sealer itself.	Sealer is heat resistant but will not protect the wood from damage
Can use tung or danish oil to repair fine scratches if necessary.	No repair is necessary even if cut on.	Requires additional sealer application to scratched area for repair. Can not use wax as it will damage the sealer.
Should not be cut on	Ideal for cutting on	Should not be cut on
Not food safe certified but it is safe for food to come in contact with.	100% food safe certified	Not food safe certified but it is safe for food to come in contact with.
Will not need re-application of sealer if used properly.	Needs monthly application	Needs 1-2 applications a year to maintain proper protection
Water and other liquids like oil and wine will not penetrate sealer. Child proof.	Will not protect wood from staining. Wood will patina with time.	Stain resistant. Not child proof but it will provide a very nice patina with time. Easy to repair most staining issues.
Ideal sealer for standard to heavy use kitchen. Our recommendation for most situations.	Excellent sealer for a work surface where food preparation will occur.	Very nice sealer that provides a well protected top while maintaining a very natural look.

Wood Countertop Design Options

Construction Styles

All woods come in three different construction styles. This is simply how the boards are put together to form the top. They each have their look and function. They are plank or face grain, edge grain, and end grain.

Plank style

Plank style construction is the lamination of wide planks of wood together to form the width of the countertop.

NOTES:

- Available in up to 2.25" thick.
- Not recommended for use as a butcher block.
- Best value of all the construction styles because of its high yield of wood and reduced labor requirements.
- Individual boards are 3"-6" wide and run the full length of the top.

Example of plank style construction:



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Construction Styles (continued)

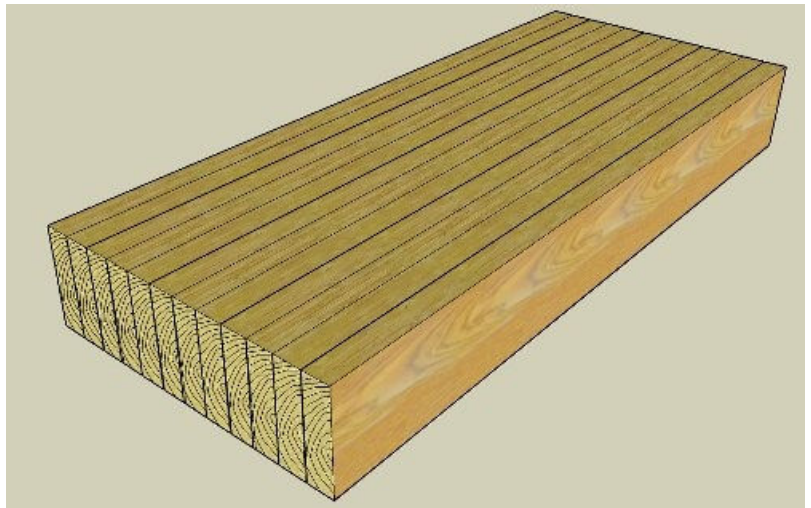
Edge Grain

Edge grain construction is when the countertops width is made up of 1 3/4" wide laminated strips. The wood, in this case, has been rotated to a vertical position making the grain structure different than a plank style top. It produces a more linear look. Like plank style construction the wood slats run the entire length of the countertop.

NOTES:

- Available in thickness from 1-1/4" up 5-1/2" thick.
- Perfect for use as a butcher block or standard use countertop.
- A bit higher cost than the plank style construction due to lesser yield per board and a higher cost of labor.

Example of edge grain construction:



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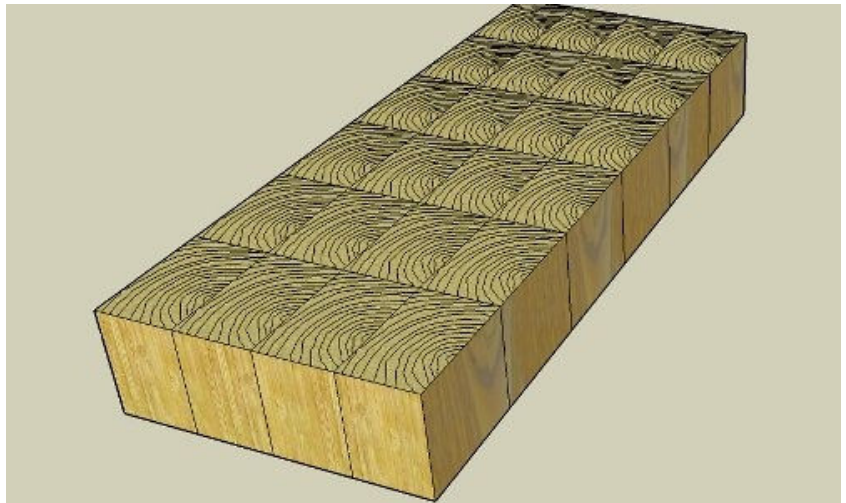
End Grain

End grain construction is made up of small blocks of wood turned on end and laminated together. It is the most intricately constructed countertop.

NOTES:

- Needs well supported all the way around.
- Perfect for use as a butcher block or standard use countertop.
- Thicknesses available are 1-3/4" up to 5-1/2".

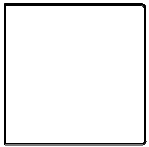
Example of end grain construction:



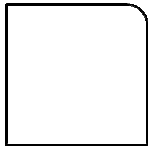
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Edge Profiles

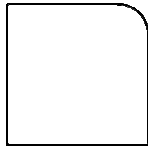
Simple Edge Profiles (eased & 1/4" roundover are included at no charge)



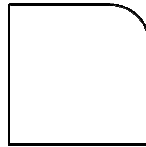
Eased



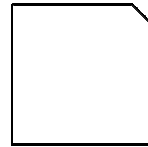
1/4" Roundover



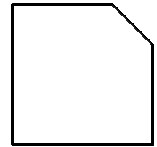
3/8" Roundover



1/2" Roundover

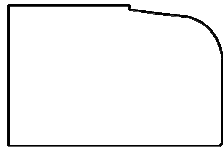


1/4" Bevel

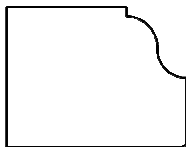


1/2" Bevel

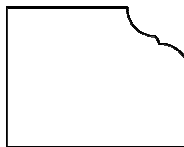
Standard Ogee Profiles



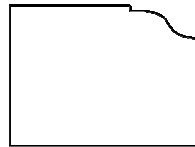
Tundra



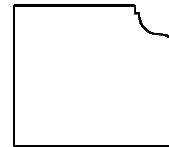
Traditional



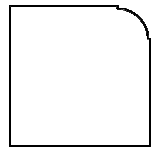
Alpine



London



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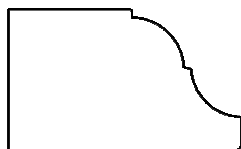


3/8" Double Beaded Roundover

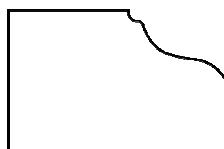
Premium Ogee Profiles (minimum thickness of 1 3/4" is required for most premium profiles)



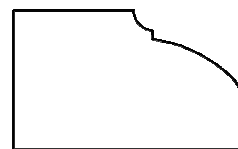
Nagra



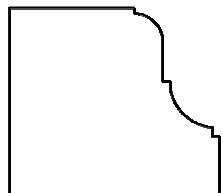
Arno



Rustic Step Down



Stepped Double Radius



Torino (2 1/4" thickness required)

Wood Countertop Design Options

Wood Species

At J. Aaron we use many different wood species and can usually source options not shown here which are the nine most commonly chosen woods.



American Cherry

- Darkens significantly with age
- 995 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in the USA



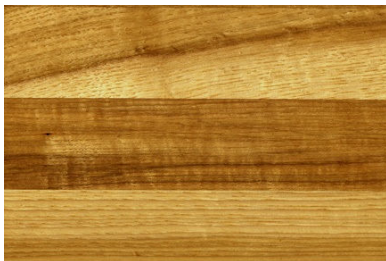
Brazilian Cherry

- Darkens some with age
- 2350 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in Central America



Hard Maple

- Darkens little with age
- 1450 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in the USA



Hickory/Pecan

- Darkens little with age
- 1820 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in the USA



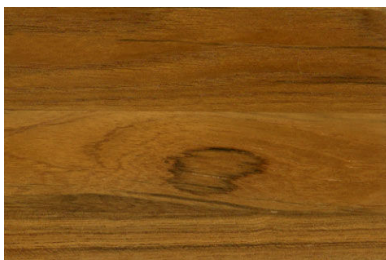
Iroko

- Darkens significantly with age
- 1260 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in West Africa



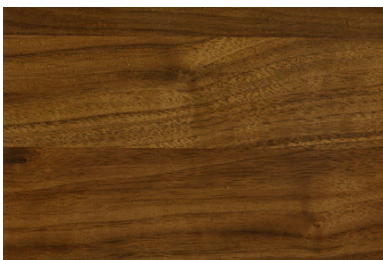
Sapele Mahogany

- Darkens some with age
- 1510 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in West Africa



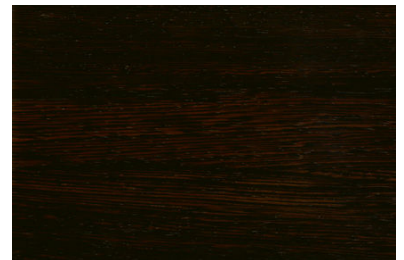
Teak

- Darkens little with age
- 1150 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in Burma



Walnut

- Darkens little with age
- 1010 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in the USA



Wenge

- Darkens little with age
- 1630 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in Central Africa



Zebra Wood

- Darkens little with age
- 1575 on the Janka Scale
- Grown in West Africa

Wood Countertop Design Options

Distressing



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Care & Cleaning

Marine Varnish

General Maintenance

No maintenance is required. To cover small scratches use Watco Danish oil. Apply a small amount to the affected area or the entire top. Use a clean cloth to remove any excess from the surface before it gets tacky, approximately 5-10 minutes.



Daily Cleaning

Use of non abrasive multi purpose cleaners like 409 or Windex is fine.

Tung-Oil or Danish Oil

General Maintenance

Re-apply Waterlox Original Tung-oil or Watco Danish Oil once or twice a year depending of how heavily the surface is used.



Daily Cleaning

Use a mixture of 1 part white vinegar to 3 parts water as a natural antibacterial cleaner.

Mineral Oil or Butchers Wax

General Maintenance

Re-apply a coat of mineral oil or butchers wax once every other month for best results.



Daily Cleaning

Use a mixture of 1 part white vinegar to 3 parts water as a natural antibacterial cleaner.

Installation of A J. Aaron Wood Countertop

1. Carefully uncrate the countertop and inspect it to ensure everything is correct and there is no damage.
2. Pre-drill 1/2" or larger holes into the cabinet's cross members at locations that will be accessible from the inside of the cabinet once the countertop is in place. In most cases the countertop will only need screwed down at the corners but for very long countertops, 120" or grater, include a hole somewhere in a middle cabinet. The cross members can be wood or plastic depending on the cabinets manufacturer. In some cases there will be small plastic corner tabs with a pre-drilled hole ready to accept a screw. This hole should be enlarged to 1/2" or larger. In other cases the cabinets will have a full top allowing you plenty of good screw down locations. **NOTE: For cabinets with fully enclosed tops cut or drill many holes in the cabinet top to allow air circulation under the countertop. This is necessary to avoid potential warpage.**
3. Set the countertop in place making sure all the overhangs are correct.
4. Pre-tap the countertop where the screws will be placed. This is important to ensure the wood will not slit.
5. Use a good quality cabinet screw with a 3/4" washer to secure the countertop to the cabinet. **DO NOT over tighten.** You want the top to be able to move on the cabinet if bumped. This is so the wood has room to expand and contract in different climates. Without that room to move it will damage itself or the cabinet as the season changes and the countertop changes dimension.
6. Apply a bead of flexible clear latex caulk around the underside of the countertop where it meets the cabinet. This will stop the countertop from easily moving when hit but because it's flexible will still allow it to expand and contract as necessary.

For undermount sink installation use good quality cabinet screws and sink clamps. Be sure to pre-tap the screw holes before mounting the sink.

If there are any questions please call us at 1-866-583-4200.