Countertop Options For Your Outdoor Kitchen

If you want to create an outdoor kitchen that goes beyond a grill and dining area, you will need to choose the proper countertops. Yu are not only going with durable countertops for the cooking and preparing, but considering materials that work with the outdoor climate. Consider these countertop options and the benefits and drawbacks of each one.

**Granite**

Many people believe that you can’t use materials like granite outside, but quite the contrary! While granite isn’t quite as durable to the elements as concrete and tile, you can still use it for your upscale outdoor kitchen. However, you do need to be aware of the advantages and disadvantages. Granite is obviously beautiful and provides a high-end look to the countertops. However, it must be sealed if you want to avoid damage from water, such as rain or snow. It is also vulnerable to moisture from humidity, so keep that in mind.

**Concrete**

One of the best countertop options for your outdoor kitchen is concrete, so that is something to consider. Concrete provides a countertop that can handle a lot of different elements, is easy to clean and doesn’t stain easily. However, it is still prone to cracking over time if you don’t have it sealed properly. Concrete can be stained with other colors during installation, so you are not forced to have a boring, cement-color for the countertops.

**Tile**

Tile is an excellent option for the countertops in your outdoor kitchen, offering an aesthetic appeal and longevity at the same time. Some benefits to using tile include the fact that it is very easy to clean and take care of, has lots of color and style options, and is affordable. On the downside, tile may stain if you’re not careful and there is an issue with some of the paler tile colors turning yellow when it is used outdoors.

**Stone**

Natural stone is a good option for your outdoor countertops, aside from just using granite. Other types of stone are more durable and easier to take care of, without requiring excessive sealing. For example, soapstone is a beautiful stone that can lend a unique appeal to your outdoor kitchen countertops. This is also very durable and often easier to take care of than granite. You might also want to choose a multi-colored stone like flagstone, which also happens to be used as flooring for many outdoor kitchens as well due to how well it holds up.

Speak to your contractor to get more ideas for choosing the right countertop materials. You may also want to go based on appearance so that your entire patio décor blends well together.