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THE COUNTERTOP DEBATE: *Granite vs. Quartz*



Cleaning

Countertops are most often located in spaces that get heavy use, especially those with water, food, products, and more. We recommend countertop materials that are durable and easily maintained. We know the importance of materials that have antimicrobial properties and are easily cleanable. In addition to all of the functional requirements of a countertop, we also take into consideration the aesthetic of the space and how the material will enhance and coordinate with all elements within the interior.



Granite

Granite is a natural stone that comes from quarries scattered all over the world. Because of its natural properties, granite is a porous material. This characteristic makes it susceptible to stains, including water stains, and can cause it to harbor bacteria if not sealed and cared for properly. While it is not considered “indestructible” granite is still quite durable and is also resistant to extreme heat. The natural beauty of granite is obvious, with each slab having unique features and designs. No two slabs of granite are the same. Granite tends to be a more affordable material, which makes it desirable in low-budget projects. Granite is a great choice, as long as it is maintained often and sealed to prevent bacteria buildup and stains.

Quartz

Quartz is a man-made material that is comprised of quartz chips or quartz dust that is bound together with polymer resin. The composition tends to be approximately 90-95% quartz to 5-10% resin. Because it is an ‘engineered’ material, it is more eco-friendly. It is non-porous and cannot harbor unhealthy or dangerous chemicals, making it an inherently antimicrobial countertop choice. However, it can be damaged if an extremely hot item is placed on its surface, and for that reason we recommend for properties with quartz countertops to have accessible heating pads. Despite its weakness to excessive heat, quartz is virtually indestructible and an excellent choice when durability and clean-ability are a priority.




The Appeal of a White Bed

COVID-19 rocked the travel hospitality industry, but as travel picks up, guests will have even higher standards for room hygiene. The 'look' and maintenance of bedding should be at the top of the list. It immediately displays the cleanliness of a room.

A white bed presents a simple, yet appealing look. Crisp, bright white sheets and pillowcases symbolize transparency and a guarantee to guests they are in a clean room.

It is important for properties to assess the condition of their existing bedding and determine whether it's time for an upgrade. Contrary to popular belief, upgrading to new bedding can be very affordable – if it's done correctly.



A photograph of a hotel room. In the foreground, a bed is neatly made with white linens and three white pillows. To the left, a wooden nightstand holds a stack of folded yellow and white towels and a modern lamp with a white shade. The background features a wood-paneled wall.

A clean bed goes a long way.

To create a more put together look, various measures can be taken that will not go unnoticed by guests. To start, bed skirts can be replaced with bed huggers, which provide a tailored look, as they fit more snug to the bed base's silhouette.

Also, a chunky bedspread can be swapped out for a plain, textured, or even decorative top sheet. This creates the refined 'triple sheet' method that the housekeeping department has come to know and love.

Triple Sheeting is a technique that replaces a bedspread with an additional sheet, and can significantly reduce overall operational costs. First, begin with a flat or fitted sheet to cover the mattress. Secondly, add another flat sheet on top. Then, place a lightweight blanket over the two sheets to add filling. Lastly, add a decorative top sheet. To complete the look, fold the sheets down twice, each fold approximately 6" apart.

Last but not least, pillows should be covered with a protective casing in addition to the standard sham. Protective pillow covers have virus-blocking and antibacterial properties, and typically have a zipper closure to keep out pests, allergens, and dust mites.

During these difficult times, where clean spaces are considered a safe haven, do not underestimate the appeal of a clean, white bed.

While we're on the topic of bedding, check out:

HRD's Top Sheet Sampler

Call us to request your complimentary top sheet!

Crinkle Texture Top Sheet



Sizes	Twin (72" x 96")	Queen (98" x 96")	King (108" x 96")
Pricing	\$16.00 ea	\$18.00 ea	\$20.00 ea

Jacquard Wave Weave Top Sheet



Sizes	Queen (96" x 100")	King (116" x 100")
Pricing	\$20.00 ea	\$23.00 ea

Tone-on-Tone Stripe Top Sheet



Sizes	Twin (72" x 120")	Queen (96" x 120")	King (114" x 120")
Pricing	\$12.00 ea	\$15.00 ea	\$18.00 ea

Bed Huggers



Add a bed hugger to any of the top sheet options listed above to create a clean and finished look.

Twin
Starting at
\$50.00 ea

Queen
Starting at
\$55.00 ea

King
Starting at
\$60.00 ea

*Must be ordered by the dozen. Prices do not include tax and freight.
Price list as of August 2021. Pricing subject to change.

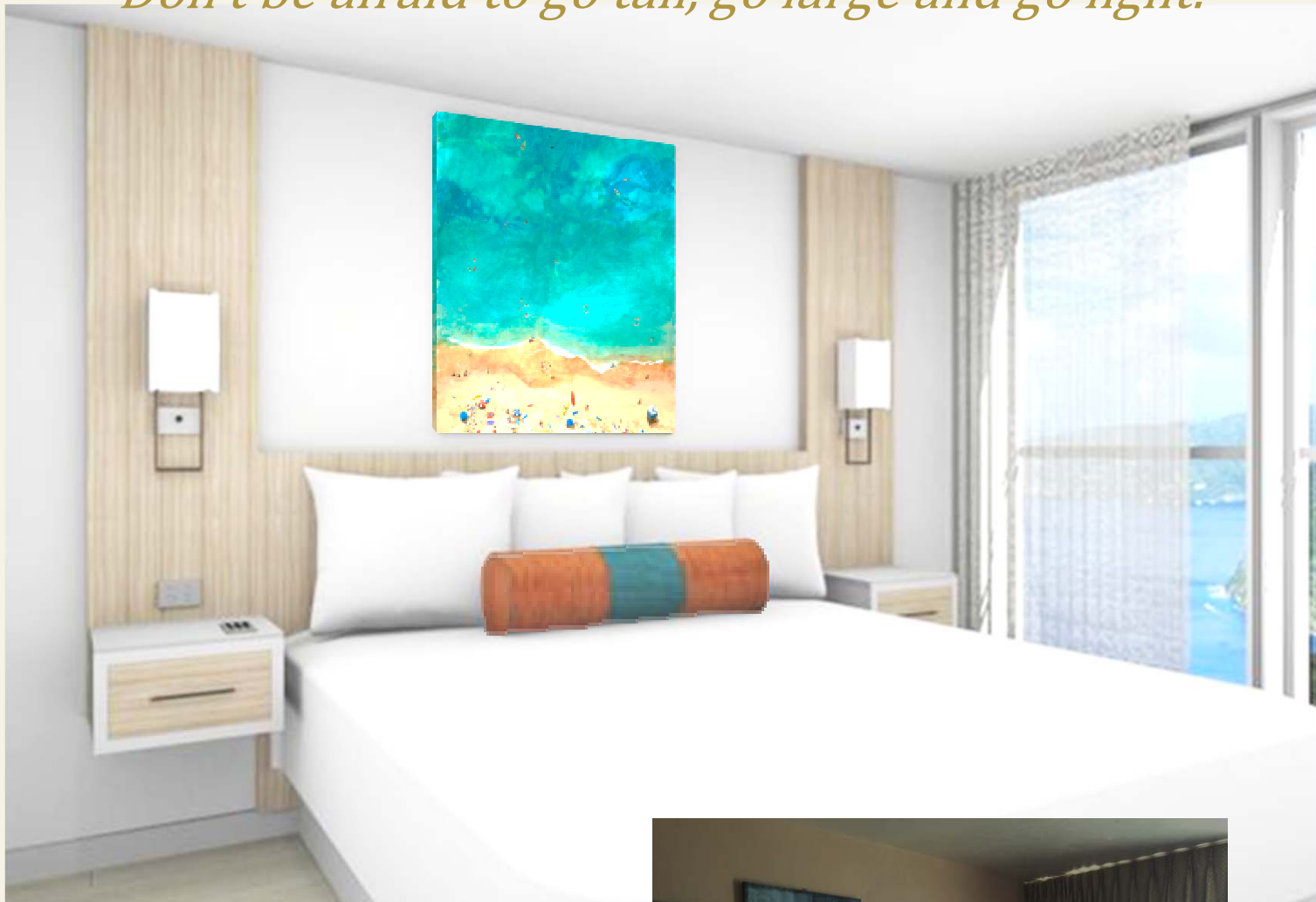
Struggling with Low Ceilings?

Let's face it, not all of us are fortunate enough to have height on our side. Similar to how we might use vertical stripes in fashion to give the appearance of a taller silhouette, elements in room design can help draw the eye up.



Take a peek at the room below. The ceilings in this room are 8' tall, typical of many properties built in the late 1970s. The use of light colored walls reflects more light into the room. Vertical linear elements like the wooden millwork adjacent to the bed draw the eye from the floor to the ceiling. And finally, the art is large and what we call a 'portrait' orientation. Meaning it is taller than it is wider. Too many times, we see rooms that have too much happening. One dynamic piece of art is usually better than sprinkling lots of little ones around the room. All of these tricks are cost effective ways to bring a sense of space, vertically, to this room.

Don't be afraid to go tall, go large and go light.



A look at the same space, *before*.



SLEEPER SOFAS:

IT'S WHAT'S ON THE INSIDE!

While some manufacturers may have 4 or 5 options of mattress levels, most mattresses will fall into an entry level, mid-grade basic, or luxury option as they relate to costs.

HRD uses multiple American seating manufacturers. They produce and stand behind their high quality contract grade products. The descriptions that follow are from Kellex, an industry leader.



MATTRESSES

Standard Mattress: ★ ★ ★ Two year warranty heavy duty contract mattress with 13.5 gauge vertical edge with active support technology innerspring mattress. Hypoallergenic pad exhibits strength and durability.

Princess Mattress: ★ ★ ★ ★ Two year warranty heavy duty contract mattress with 13.5 gauge wires , a 1.5" layer of 1.5 oz. Premloft is multi quilted into the top panel of mattress to provide a plush sleeping surface.

Cool Gel Infused: ★ ★ ★ ★ Three year warranty innerspring mattress with gel infused memory form, 13.5 gauge coils, 1.25" infused memory foam topper and ¼" .75 densified polyester fiber insulated pad.

Zen Mattress & Mechanism / Not Sold Separately: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Five year warranty luxury mattress that is a 7.5" thick with Z spring technology that provides one of the most supportive sleeper mattress offered. The patented design allows the mattress to rest in the closed position without crushing and prevents premature wear. No uncomfortable bar in back ever!

Sleeper Sofa

MECHANISMS

Classic Square Mechanism

★ ★ ★

Five year warranty heavy duty contract mechanism Leggett & Platt “Classic Square”. One piece, heavy gauge steel construction featuring properly spaced cross-members for sleeping comfort and stability.



Platinum X Mechanism

★ ★ ★ ★

Five year warranty one piece, heavy gauged steel gauged steel construction featuring perfectly spaced comfort supports to provide a level mattress foundation to eliminate bar in back discomfort.



Zen Mechanism

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Five year warranty contract mechanism is made of a heavy gauged steel designed with offset and channel-features that add durability and strength. Soft-lock and heavy gauge springs provide feather- touch open/ close function. 1200D poly-decking provides a fortified sleep surface. Substantially thicker tubing resulting in greater strength. Engineered to encapsulate a Zen pillow top mattress.





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