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Caesarstone Quartz is Here: Through Thick and Thin

All Caesarstone quartz surfaces are available in either 2cm (3/4") or 3cm (1 1/4") thickness. Here are some things to consider when you are trying to decide between 2cm and 3cm.



4735 Oxidian Kitchen Island in 3cm

Aesthetic & Design Flexibility

- 2cm lends itself nicely to a modern or contemporary aesthetic. The thinner profile reflects a clean, minimalist aesthetic.
- 3cm works well for a wide array of design styles including traditional, transitional and eclectic.
- Simpler edge profiles (like mitered and square) can be used with both 2cm and 3cm. More dramatic options (like Ogee and Ogee Bullnose) are better suited for a 3cm thickness.

Durability

- 3cm material is inherently stronger than 2cm making it more durable.
- 3cm is preferable for areas that experience higher traffic and more frequent use, like your kitchen counters and your kitchen island.

Price

- In general, a slab of 2cm is less expensive than its 3cm counterpart. However, depending on the design requirements, 2cm may require additional support materials or take more time to fabricate than 3cm.
- Make sure you consider the cost of fabrication and installation in addition to the cost of the slab when it comes to price.

Support

- 3cm material can go directly onto the top of cabinets without the need for additional support, like plywood.
- Whereas 2cm, depending on design, may require plywood to provide extra support.

Other Considerations

- Keep the thickness of the countertop in mind when choosing your cabinets. 3cm is heavier than 2cm, so if you choose 3cm, make sure your cabinets and your foundation can support the added weight. This is especially important in an older home.
- Caesarstone quartz also has 1.3cm in a variety of colors. 1.3cm is great for vertical surfaces like backsplashes. If you're looking for a seamless design from floor to ceiling, consider a 2cm or 3cm countertop paired with a 1.3cm quartz backsplash.



3101 Piatto Black in 2cm