



## Templating Guidelines

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### Why is it necessary to make a template?

Granite and quartz aren't materials that can be easily trimmed or altered on site, so when your worktops are delivered they must be the right shape and size, with hob and sink cut-outs and tap holes in exactly the right place. The only reliable way to achieve this is for experienced stone worktop templaters to undertake the work.

### Do I need to be there when you template and install?

Preferably, yes. That way we can answer any questions you might have. The same goes for fitting, so that you can confirm that you are happy with the finished product. We need to make 100% sure that the worktops are templated in the manner to which you want them installed and also to confirm all the details of the order.

### Preparing your home in advance for the templaters

- The kitchen fitter needs to have fixed all base units and end panels in position, ensuring they are level and firmly secured and tied in to the walls, before templating.
- Any runs of worktop that do not have units underneath, but are against a wall, should be battened out usually with 50 x 25mm softwood to support the worktop.
- If walls are tiled, any tiles that prevent the templates being taken must be removed in order for the new work surfaces to be templated, right back to the walls.
- In kitchen runs all appliances such as hobs and sinks that are part of a worktop run, must be in the kitchen at the time of templating.

### What about wall finishing?

Walls should be plastered prior to templating, but should not be tiled until after the worktops have been fitted.

### How many pieces will my worktop be cut into?

For simple rectangles the number of pieces (hence number of joins) is simply dependant on length; less than three meters can usually be one piece. For more complex shapes such as bowed fronts or out-set sections, many companies will cut the worktop into sections to ease fabrication. We can provide many complex shapes as a single piece (subject to overall length). The templater will be able to tell you how many pieces will be used.

### What are the maximum worktop lengths?

Generally with granite and quartz worktops the maximum length for a single piece is 3000mm, at which point it will be necessary for a joint.

### How are worktops joined?

In the case of granite and quartz worktops, joints are generally two pieces of worktops butted up against each other. When on site we can discuss with you where we recommend the joints need to be placed.

We endeavour to make the joint as inconspicuous as possible with a sealant used between the two pieces, with the nearest colour match available, but colours of sealants are limited. In general, our joints are less than 3mm wide.

## Installation Guidelines

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### Preparing your home/premises for the worktop installation

As granite and quartz is very heavy it can be difficult to handle in confined spaces. Please make a clear path of entry into the premises and clear space around the base units. If possible, we would recommend removing items such as unit doors, and appliances not integral to the worktop installation.

### Wall units - should they be fitted?

It is preferable not to fit the wall units first, however if we are replacing existing worktops this is not feasible. Dressers or boiler cabinets that come down to the worktops, must not be fitted.

### Walls - should they be finished before installation?

Walls are rarely straight or square, so to minimise gaps it is sometimes necessary to chase out plaster in order to aid the installation. This will need to be made good by others. Naturally every care is taken to minimise the impact and damage of such work, but we do not recommend painting or finishing wall surfaces prior to installation.

### Do you mount my sink and hob?

As part of the worktop installation process sinks or hobs may be mounted, but this does not include utility connections. Heavy under-mounted items should have supporting frames built either prior to templating or after installation.

### Who does the plumbing?

You will need to arrange a suitably qualified tradesman to plumb your utilities.

### Do you cut or polish any the of worktops onsite?

No. All our worktops are processed in the factory using skilled craftsmen. Stone processing is not done onsite at a client's premises.