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HOW TO BRING YOUR HOUSE INTO BLOOM



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Counter Intelligence

The beauty of these innovative new kitchen surfaces is anything but superficial. Take a journey to the cutting edge.

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Hidden Surprises

- 1 Natural materials appear to float inside Varia's ecofriendly translucent resin. Imagine rose petals, leaves, or weeds (shown) permanently strewn across your kitchen counter. (\$1,700 for an inch-thick four-by-eight-foot sheet. Slurm; 800-726-0126; slurm.com)
- 2 You won't believe what this countertop is made of: environmentally sustainable hemp. The plant fibers have been treated with resin and pressed, then baked to durable perfection and given a soft matte finish. (\$80-\$90 per square foot installed. Richlite; 888-363-5533; richlite.com)
- 3 Rock-tough Silestone just got even tougher. Shown in Blue Salita, this textured natural-quartz surfacing has built-in antimicrobial protection. It fights bacteria, yeast, mold, and fungi on contact while you make short work of a fish fillet or a chicken breast. (\$45-\$95 per square foot installed. Cosentino; 800-291-1311; silestone.com)

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