



Northern Exposure Owners Chuck and Jody Lewis

Durable, beautiful and hygienic countertops

Environmentally sound, maintenance-free Corian

By Marilyn de Lang

DuPont, the well known global science company, is noted for its innovative development of products that help to safeguard our environment. Corian – a non-toxic, non-allergenic, eco-friendly substance created from recycled materials – is one of its important discoveries, valued for its low environmental impact. Adaptable and durable, it can be thermoformed to create unique shapes, offering a wide range of utility both indoors and out.

In the kitchen... and beyond

As the traditional ‘heart of the home’, the kitchen might claim rivalry with the cottage dock as a popular gathering place for family and guests! And the most visible surface in most kitchens is the countertop: it should be attractive, seamless, and easy to maintain, with its form customized to its function.

“Corian overcomes the problems inherent in many countertop materials,” explains Chuck Lewis of Northern Exposure. Granite must be resealed regularly; scratched laminate cannot be repaired; tile surfaces are uneven and can crack or chip; grout lines attract dirt and bacteria; soapstone or marble can darken; and butcher-block is sensitive to water damage. Stainless steel is a clean surface, but prone to dents and scratches, with an institutional look that lacks warmth. DuPont’s product is 100% sealed, waterproof, and stain-resistant. Chuck points out: “This is a real benefit for cottages with lake water that can darken

the surface of porous materials.” The extensive selection of shades guarantees a perfect fit with interior décor, and the through-and-through colour allows any scratches to be easily and completely restored.

Because of its flexibility, Corian can be used for custom handmade showers or tub surrounds. Beyond the cottage, it is perfect for tables and countertops in boats, boathouses, campers, RVs, and outside on the patio or at the barbecue. Old tops or tables can be re-shaped for other applications.

Good looks and good hygiene

In addition to attractiveness and longevity, Corian is acclaimed for its sterility. Non-porous and seamless, the solid surface guarantees cleanliness and prevents the growth of mould or mildew.

“Hospital kitchens and food industries use only stainless steel or Corian countertops”, says Chuck, “and some hospitals are now choosing Corian for their operating rooms, because it is visually calming for staff and patients, as well as bacteria-resistant and easy to wash.”

Northern Exposure’s service includes removal and disposal of existing countertops, production and installation of the new product, and contracting for all plumbing needs, to provide an easy transition from a tired kitchen countertop to a long-lasting, low-maintenance, and highly attractive surface.

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