

# Elegant & Ancient CONCRETE

finding new applications in the today's home



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Elegant and ancient, concrete is finding new applications in the modern home. From the countertop to kitchen sinks, vanities to desktops, almost anything is possible with the malleable properties of concrete.

The only limit to designing with concrete is your imagination.

Concrete countertops are making huge waves throughout the country. It can be creatively adapted to any setting or style—modern or traditional. Pre-cast kitchen counters, island nooks, vanities, and sinks are durable and cosmetically...breath-taking! The awe factor is the only factor to

take into consideration when contemplating a concrete alternative. After all, who isn't doing granite these days?

Concrete countertops and sinks can be formed into practically any shape, colored almost any shade, and stained almost every color imaginable to suit any need. No other household will have

your countertops, specially designed with you, poured for you, and enjoyed by you from this day forward.

Concrete countertops and sinks are not sidewalk slabs slapped onto cabinets. They are carefully crafted and highly engineered slabs that are processed to achieve a high degree of fit and finish. Countertops are pre-cast in molds built to the customer's specifications so they can be formed, cured, and finished



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under controlled conditions. They are then delivered ready for use.

At Pinnacle Cast Concrete we have developed our own signature looks by using proprietary mix ingredients, casting techniques, and surface treatments. The strength of our finished product is similar to the strength of granite. Concrete has undergone a contemporary transformation over the years. Kaleidoscopic colors and textures take the place of drab, utilitarian gray—giving way to muted and vivid color palettes, amazing textures, and bold forms. This wonderfully tactile material can be made as smooth as glass or as rough textured and nonreflecting as sandpaper. Chemical stains, colored glass, and coatings

A modern bath using timeless materials including concrete. The designer specified a winter beige base color, a fractured rock edge, varied grind, and inlaid glass tile accents. Hand-made and tactile, warm natural looking...concrete. Designer: *Dustin Stehr, Village Kitchen and Bath, Leola, PA*

give concrete the look, texture and feel that will surprise you.

We collaborate with homeowners and designers on designs to enhance the look of the final product. With such a wide array of looks available, communication during the design process is the key. You can incorporate curves and angles; customize the color to match another kitchen design element; add sparkle with glass chips; incorporate

personal mementos, such as broken dishware and bottle fragments; integrate built-in sinks, drain boards, soap dishes, and trivets.

**Concrete and Function**

Some homeowners may worry that while the concrete might look the part, it may not be able to withstand the rigors faced by a kitchen countertop. The kitchen counter, after all, is a place where heat, liquid, and various sundries are placed throughout the day, every day. It must be able to withstand the elements over time, and remain structurally sound.

It is true—concrete itself is a porous substance which ages over time. This is why we use an FDA compliant, industry leading sealer on our concrete prior to delivery. This sealer protects the concrete from liquids and other substances that



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**P**innacle Cast Concrete™ was founded by Woodland Concrete (a national leader in custom colored, stained, and imprinted field poured concrete, concrete furniture, and countertops since 1979) to meet their growing demand for custom pre-cast concrete countertops, sinks, furniture, fireplace surrounds, etc. The result is a company who's ownership has a combined 75+ years of artistic and structural concrete experience backed by 26 years worth of satisfied customers.

Most of our work is pre-cast but we offer complete cast in place services as the projects require. All of our work is custom. We mix custom formwork with an intimate knowledge of concrete and artistry to create one-of-a-kind works to the client's specifications. With the ability to form, color, stain, grind, and texture, your imagination is truly the limit.



may damage it. Common food items will not stain it as long as the sealer is not damaged. We



A perfect application for high performance concrete are outdoor kitchens. Integral sinks are one-of-a-kind as are meld basins with countertops. This fusion creates tops that are both sleek and elegant. Built-in trivets can be stainless steel (shown) copper, or brass—providing both a built-in hot plate and a decorative accent. Designer: *F. Mula Architects, LLC., Lancaster PA*



These fish images are acid stained onto bone colored concrete.

recommend using *Windex* or *Clorox Cleanup*, never abrasive cleaners. We offer a penetrating sealer as an option for people that want their countertops to develop a rich patina over time. We recommend inlaid trivets or hotplates


for pots right off the burner.

**The Cost of Concrete Countertops**


Concrete kitchen countertops—especially those with custom designs or custom colors—require time and craftsman-

ship, so the price tag can range from about \$70 to \$125 per square foot, depending on the degree of handiwork involved. Sinks can be apron front farmhouse style, integral, vanity, or vessel. Expect to pay from \$400 to \$1,200 for

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*with a little help  
from Don Mumma,  
Service Manager*



**Q:** *I've been hearing about carbon monoxide poisoning in the news lately. My practical side wonders if the media is just "sensationalizing" the stories. Do I really need a carbon monoxide detector in my home? If so, how do I know what kind to get?*

**A:** I don't want to create a mass paranoia with all of our readers, but the media probably isn't blowing carbon monoxide stories out of proportion. No taste, no smell, no color—to avoid the threat of carbon monoxide poisoning in your own home you should have a carbon monoxide (CO) detector.

Your best option is a low-level monitor that alerts you of levels beginning at 15 ppm. (OSHA and the World Health Organization's limits for unsafe levels are between 15–35 ppm.) Make sure it is battery operated and visually tells you it is working 24/7. Any time the alarm goes off, be sure to call Haller for a thorough carbon monoxide inspection.

Our technicians recently completed a carbon monoxide analysis course and are certified in carbon monoxide detection


and combustion analysis. They do more than just check CO levels. They understand how carbon monoxide is generated (incomplete combustion of fossil fuels—gas, oil, coal, wood—used in furnaces, boilers, appliances, water heaters, fireplaces, as well as automobile exhaust and tobacco smoke) and how it moves through a building. The technicians will measure where the gas is produced, compare the readings to the toughest standards, then instruct you on how to reduce these levels.

If you have any questions, call our Service Department today to install low-level carbon monoxide monitors and perform a CO detection and combustion analysis for your home.

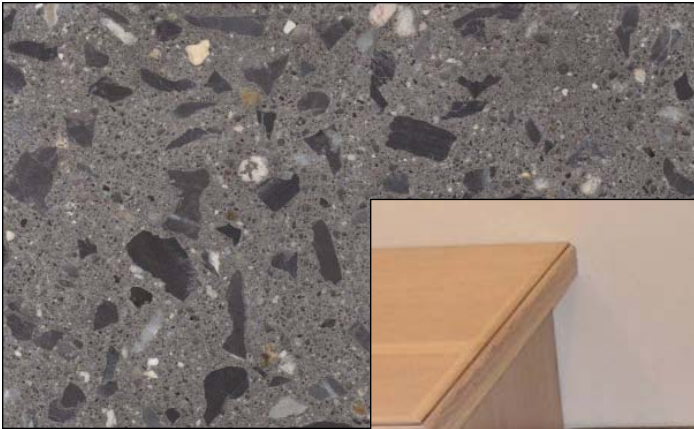
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The acid staining process starts with a base color and texture. In this case cobblestone colored concrete with a deeply ground texture exposing some of the larger aggregate. The concrete takes on a rich warm and varied look after the application of dark walnut acid stain and sealer.

sinks, custom one-of-a-kind creations can be more. Lead time for concrete runs from 2 to 4 weeks from templating depending on the custom options chosen.

If you're looking for an artistic, one-of-a-kind kitchen or bath, concrete just may be your solution.

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25 years of high performance concrete experience. To learn more, log on to [www.pinnaclecastconcrete.com](http://www.pinnaclecastconcrete.com) for our project gallery, color and texture samples and important information about high performance concrete. Or give us a call at 717-823-7408.

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