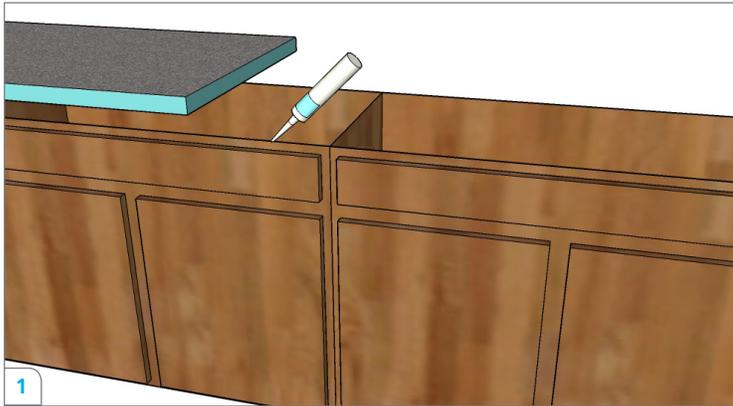
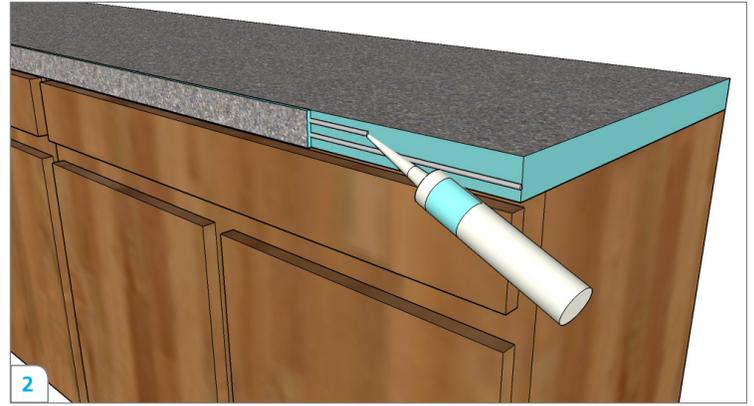


Installation of Laminam[®] by Crossville Over Countertops



1 Apply a continuous 1/2" thick bead of wedi Joint Sealant over the spacers of your countertop. Glue down the wedi Building Panel in thickness of 1 1/2" to 2" after you have cut it to size. Leave it recessed behind the front of the counter so you can apply a strip of wedi Building Panel to the exposed foam edge as shown in 2 and still finish flush. Apply some weight equally on the surface for 15 minutes so that the wedi sealant/adhesive can bond properly.



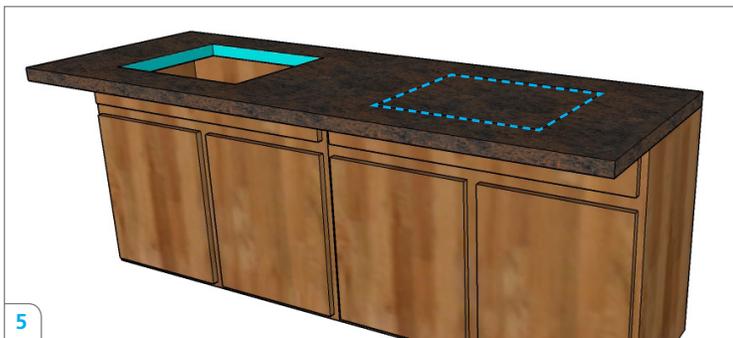
2 Apply wedi Joint Sealant and a strip wedi Building Panel in any thickness starting from 1/8" thick standard wedi Building Panels. This strip's cementitious coating side will allow you to better set tile.



3 Cut out for the sink using a jigsaw or handsaw. As needed, recess cuts might be created with a utility knife or a router to accommodate recessed sinks. Cutting the holes may proceed before or after installation of Laminam as indicated in step 5.



4 Install the Laminam over the wedi Building Panel surface and edges using a modified thinset according to section 7.1 of the Laminam Technical Manual/ Guidelines found at: <http://laminambycrossville.com/TechnicalGuides.html>



5 Crossville recommends cutting the Laminam after installation in order to eliminate the stresses from moving and embedding an already cut piece.

Installation Tips

1. Some large or irregular shaped countertops will require multiple panels. This makes necessary the use of an edge leveling system to maintain a smooth transition between the Laminam panels. For timing and method of installation refer to the edge leveling system manufacturer's instructions. Crossville's Laminam Technical Manual / Guidelines on pages 11 and 13 show examples of these systems. Videos that provide further illustration of their use can be found here: (http://laminambycrossville.com/Videos_Technical.html)

2. In areas where the countertop intersects with the back-splash or other vertical projections through the countertop, differential movement will occur. For these active transitions Crossville recommends the use of a color coordinated 100% silicone caulk for its superior flexibility and adhesion, or when applicable a permanent metal or plastic edge treatment piece can be used. See Crossville's Technical Manual / Guidelines section 7.1 for specific mortar/grout/caulk systems.

3. Full coverage of bonding mortar is critical for the impact resistance of the installed countertop. Crossville has found that a high speed orbital sander with pad is the best way to evacuate the air and collapse the ridges under the panel. The installation guidelines for floors, including but not limited to, proper trowel and troweling technique (excluding the walk in method for embedding), should be followed for countertops.