

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Bathroom Vanity Top Surface Options Growing

(NAPSA)—From man-made to natural, economical to expensive, stunningly beautiful to plain, carefree to high maintenance, the bathroom renovation market offers an amazing array of vanity top surface options. So how do you choose the top that's right for you?

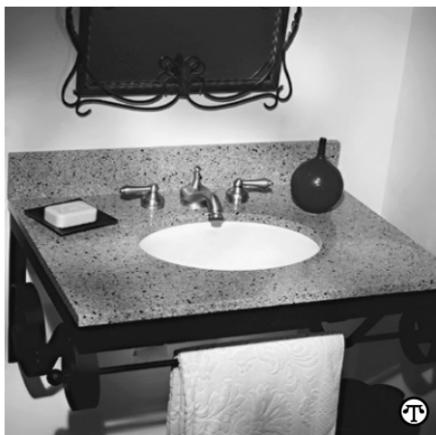
Remembering that your bath vanity top takes a lot of wear and tear and is the focal point of your bathroom, consider the following vanity top surface options:

- **Cultured Marble.** Affordable and readily available, cultured marble has long been used as a surface option in the bath. While cultured marble is an attractive surface, it is also easily scratched and scrubbing can wear away the surface coat or cause dull spots to appear.

- **Ceramic Tile.** Homeowners have used tile in the bath for decades for vanity tops and showers. While appreciated for its durability, tile is disliked for its difficult-to-clean grout lines. If you're willing to commit to regular cleaning, tile is still a good option, with colors and designs for every décor and budget.

- **Solid Surface.** With a broad color palette and durability that guarantees a lifetime of use, solid surface has gained widespread popularity. Solid surface offers consistent color and simple daily maintenance and is lighter and easier to work with than natural stone, meaning fewer hours of work in your bathroom renovation.

- **Granite.** Long used for top-of-the-line baths, granite is a luxurious surface option for the homeowner with a big renovation



Whether your renovations are guided by style or budget, there is a vanity top surface option to meet your needs.

budget. While granite is elegant and durable, it is also porous and must be resealed regularly to prevent staining. Because granite is a natural material, colors are limited to the hues created by Mother Nature.

- **Engineered Quartz.** For the high-end look of granite but without the maintenance, consider an engineered quartz vanity top. Made from natural quartz, pigments and plastic resins, this surface is the strongest natural stone on the market, resilient to cracks, scratches and stains, virtually maintenance free and available in vibrant color collections.

One such line is the Transolid Natural Quartz collection, offered in 10 designer colors and available at many fine bath and kitchen stores and Lowe's Stores nationwide. Visit www.transolid.com to design your own natural quartz vanity top and view color options.