



To ensure the longevity of your new wood countertop it is **VERY IMPORTANT** to install it in a way that will allow it to move with seasonal changes in humidity.

EXPANSION AND CONTRACTION:

Our wood countertops are constructed with kiln-dried material, containing 7- 10% moisture during fabrication. Wood tops may gain or lose moisture during shipping depending on the season and final destination. This may cause a change in size or occasionally slight warpage – the wider the top the more movement can be expected. This is temporary. The top should acclimate to the conditions in your home and will straighten out. Five days is usually adequate to acclimate the wood.



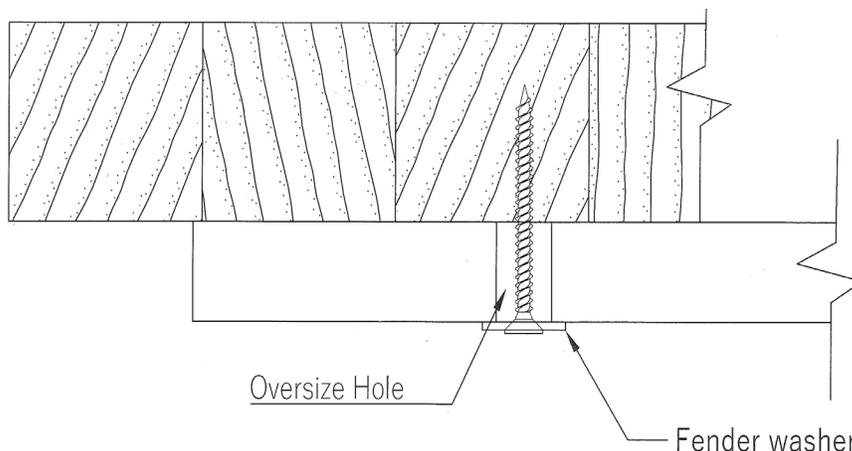
FINISHING THE TOP AND THE UNDERSIDE:

No matter what you use to finish your counter, what you put on the top should also be put on the underside. This allows for equal moisture gain/loss on both sides.

INSTALLATION:

Do not use construction adhesive to attach your top. This will not allow for expansion and contraction and the top **WILL** fail!

If your cabinet bases have a solid top it is recommended to use 1/16" - 1/8" strips between the base and the countertop to allow for air circulation.



The best way to securely fasten your top while allowing for seasonal movement is to drill oversize holes (1/2") into the cabinet bracing at your attachment points. A screw with a fender washer can be used to attach the top to the cabinet through the oversize hole. Tighten the screws until the top is snug. The oversize hole will allow for any movement in your top and is essential to the longevity of your top.

With the proper finishing and installation your countertop will last a lifetime.

DEFINE YOUR SPACE ~ DEFINE YOUR HOME ~ ENJOY!