

Counter Measures

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Crafting quality kitchen countertops takes precision and skill.

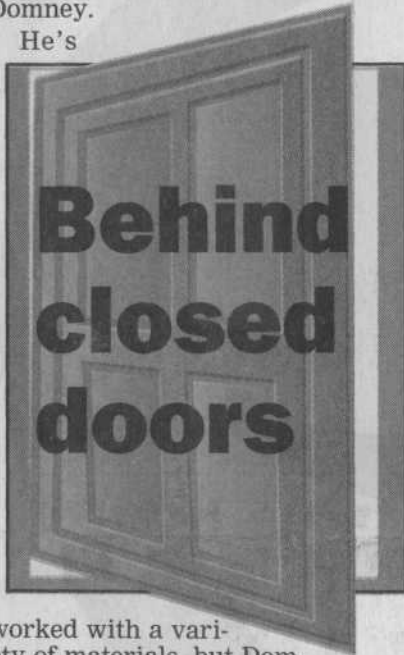
Gord Domney with more than 20 years experience in custom-made counters for kitchens and bathrooms is now putting that experience to work in his own business.

He and wife Sharon opened Counter Measures in the Belleville industrial park last December and are authorized Acryflek dealers for Eastern Ontario.

They take cultured granite — manufactured in Stoney Creek — and turn it into seamless countertops, sinks, and even tabletops for customers from Oshawa to Brockville.

The solid surface products are non-porous and, if scratched or damaged, can simply be buffed back to the original finish, said Domney.

He's



worked with a variety of materials, but Domney says the cultured granite — a synthetic product that's poured into sheets or molded into special items such as sinks — "beats everything else for lasting wear and affordability."

An example of Domney's work is on display at Belleville's Cashway lumber store, and customers can view samples at the factory, located at 260 Jamieson Bone

Road.

Counter Measures will also make laminate countertops with a wood or bevelled edge, and are a dealer for Khuen Bevel products as well.

Outside of the Stoney Creek Acryflek factory, Counter Measures is the only Ontario dealer for the solid surface cultured granite.

Domney, a fabricator, is also able to get the liquid granite to use in special inlays and designs, and is at work now on a custom counter top that will have a poured inlay of a pink rose in one corner.

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He employs two other people, who are fabricators in training, in the 3,000 square-foot facility off in Belleville's north end.

Another other project nearing completion is for a large home in Oshawa that will feature both an L-shaped kitchen counter and island top, both with cultured granite sinks.

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