

Recycled glass countertops latest trend in "Green" home décor

The "green" trend has made its greatest impact in home decorating with consumers and decorators now gravitating to more eco-friendly alternatives for interior décor.

One trend that is leaving a "green" mark in homes across the country is the choice of recycled material countertops over more conventional surfaces.

Green countertops are recycled or renewable surfaces that minimize impact on the environment during their production. They are comprised of different combinations of natural and man-made mate-

rials and often include some form of recycled glass. Many are attractive and viable alternatives to conventional countertop materials.

The latest entry into this category, Elements by Durcon, is creating quite a buzz as it's a "green" countertop surface that also offers unmatched durability, cleanliness and aesthetic qualities.

Durcon, the leading U.S. manufacturer of epoxy resin quartz countertops and sinks for the last 35 years, recently launched an eco-friendly surface variation - Elements by Durcon for the residential

and commercial markets. Stone fabricators, dealers and architects across North America agree that the product's unique qualities and highly durable characteristics set it apart from first generation eco-friendly surface products currently available.

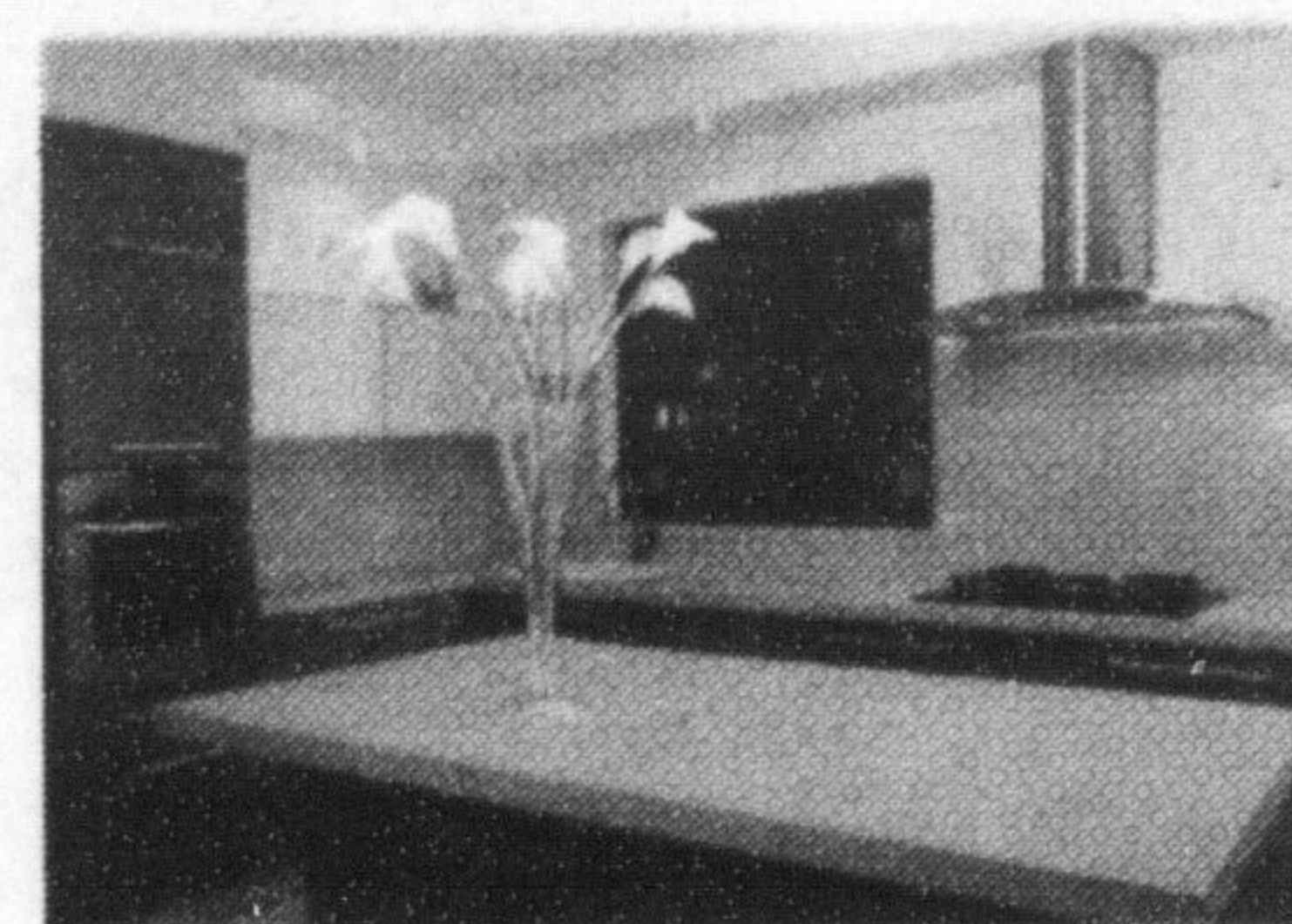
Molded from a proprietary blend of fine quartz, epoxy resin, and recycled glass (ie. clear beer bottles), the material is solid, non-porous, never requires sealing, and is homogenous in consistency. Its unique manufacturing process produces an incredibly silky smooth and durable coun-

tertop surface.

"Elements is ideal for the discerning customer who desires a unique eco-friendly product for kitchen countertops, vanities, fireplace surrounds, and commercial applications," explained Mark Hanna, President of Montreal-based Leeza Distribution Inc., one of North America's leading distributors of premium countertops such as Elements by Durcon.

Elements is an incredibly safe and durable countertop surface ideal for kitchens as it is certified by NSF, is a very low VOC emitting material and boasts the highest heat resistance rating available.

"Elements is stylishly sleek with a distinctly silky feel that works beautifully with any décor," Hanna added. "From Old World to ultra-modern it provides a look that is very unique, timeless and clean."



Its versatility is its strongest attribute. In addition to custom colours, Elements by Durcon is available in two alternate design variations - "Titanium" and "PUR". Titanium features a dramatic metallic flecked surface. The highlight of the PUR line is Pristine that is "already a hit with designers", said Hanna, due to its rare, deep, and absolute white quality that is in high demand in today's décors.

Elements surfaces are so durable that unused and old countertop material is recycled by Durcon for use in road construction. More information on these eco-friendly countertops is available at leezadistribution.com. www.newscanada.com

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