



# Countertop Couture

A certain Daniel Island couple worked with SHELTER Custom-Built Living and countertop supplier AGM Imports to design a stunning, yet functional home for their specific needs.

Every custom home is unique because every homeowner's needs are different, especially when it comes to their personal taste and the usefulness of each feature for that homeowner's lifestyle. One Daniel Island couple knew the importance of choosing a builder and a countertop supplier who could create the perfect

balance of both aspects for their home.

Ryan and Jenny Butler, along with their team at SHELTER Custom-Built Living partnered with the homeowners to design and build their custom abode. SHELTER's in-house designers and the homeowners, knew early on that their design required the perfect

countertops to complete the surfaces and create a beautiful, cohesive style throughout the house. Once that process had begun, the team reached out to AGM Imports to supply the natural stone countertops for each space.

AGM Imports, a natural and manufactured stone supplier, invited the home-



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**(above left)** The waterfall edge on the kitchen island and the perimeter countertops were both fabricated by Tile & Stone Design Studio from a polished Allure Light Quartzite. **(above right)** The downstairs laundry room showcases an ideal workspace with honed Shadow Storm Marble surfaces. **(below left)** A Bianco Avion Premium Marble sink countertop with a honed finish adds elegance to one of the guest bathrooms. **(below right)** Polished Cristalla Extra Quartzite is just one amazing feature in this resplendent master suite closet.

owners and Hollis Erickson to personally select their slabs for each room from their vast warehouse in North Charleston. “It was important to the homeowners to be able to see and touch the materials that they would be selecting for different rooms,” explains Emily Griffin of AGM Imports. “That’s a big part of why we like to work so closely with the builders, designers, and homeowners. We’re here to help educate the homeowners about the materials they’re

choosing to install in their homes.”

Because the homeowners opted to hand-select their countertops, they knew from the start the different characteristics of each natural stone that they chose, how those stones will wear over time, and the exact steps to maintain their surfaces. For the kitchen, they determined a quartzite countertop was the perfect fit for their needs, since quartzite and granite are sim-

ilar in durability and low-maintenance, yet slightly different in style. A man-made quartz was selected for the butler’s pantry for its marble-like appearance. Marble countertops were installed in the master and guest bathrooms, as well as the laundry room.

Another aspect of designing the perfect countertop to consider is the finish that will be applied to the slab. Between polished, honed, and leath-



**(above)** With such a modern master bathroom vanity and unique statement tile backsplash by Buckhannon Tile + Design, the homeowners chose honed Calacata Gold Premium Marble countertops to complement each element. **(below left)** The master bathroom tub is surrounded by the Calacata Gold Premium Marble to mirror the stunning vanity and tie the room together. **(below right)** Emily Griffin of AGM Imports

ered finishes, each one provides a different style that affects the overall vibe of the room. A polished quartzite adds a chic and stylish element to this home's kitchen, while a leath-ered granite countertop finish brings a more casual quality to the home-owner's office and outdoor spaces.

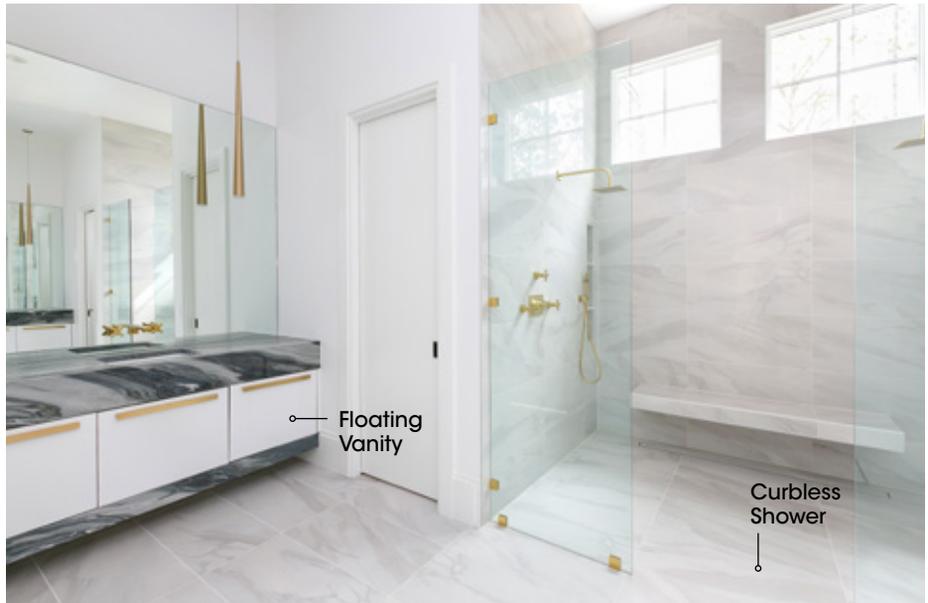
According to Emily, the best advice that she can share with homeowners who are selecting natural or man-made materials for their countertops, is to learn from the professionals what it takes to maintain each material. From there, she says, "Choose what you like. It's your home and you're going to be using these surfaces every day." \*

For more information, call AGM Imports at (843) 747-0088, or visit [agmimports.com](http://agmimports.com).  
For more information about the builder, call SHELTER Custom-Built Living at (843) 471-1833 or visit [sheltercustombuiltliving.com](http://sheltercustombuiltliving.com).





Casa Blanca  
Leathered  
Marble  
Countertops



Floating  
Vanity

Curbless  
Shower

Photography by Patrick Brickman

## DRAMATIC DESIGN

What makes this Daniel Island bathroom truly special are the custom details, like the floating vanity with marble countertops and marble accents around the bottom.

BATHROOM CONTRIBUTORS:

**Builder:** SHELTER Custom-Built Living

**Countertop Supplier:**

**Countertop Fabricator:** Stone Central

Vitoria International

**Sinks & Faucets:** Moluf's

**Tile Installer:** Flooring Services

**Tile:** Melcer Tile

**Cabinets:** Coastal Cabinet Company Inc.

For more information about the builder, call SHELTER Custom-Built Living at (843) 471-1833 or visit [sheltercustombuiltliving.com](http://sheltercustombuiltliving.com). For more information about the countertops, call Stone Central at (843) 879-3278 or visit [stonecentralsc.com](http://stonecentralsc.com).



His and Hers  
Chrome  
Faucets



Leathered  
Backsplash

Photography by Patrick Brickman

## FANTASTIC FIXTURES

A neutral color scheme in the cabinetry and fixtures with bright accents makes this downtown bathroom a one-of-a-kind place to start the day.

BATHROOM CONTRIBUTORS:

**Builder:** Arnett Custom Homes

**Sinks & Faucets:** Moluf's

**Interior Designer:** JLV Creative

**Cabinetry:** Jilco Kitchen and Bath

For more information, call Moluf's at (843) 723-4881 or visit [molufs.com](http://molufs.com)



Custom Floating High Gloss Lacquered Vanity



Herringbone Tile

Photography by Keene Eye Marketing

## TASTEFULLY CRAFTED BATHROOM

Stunning finishes such as the lacquered vanity and chrome plumbing fixtures cultivate a design that is both stylish and functional for the homeowners.

BATHROOM CONTRIBUTORS:

**Builder:** SHETLER Custom-Built Living

**Architect:** DLB Custom Home Design

**Interior Designer:** Hollis Erickson

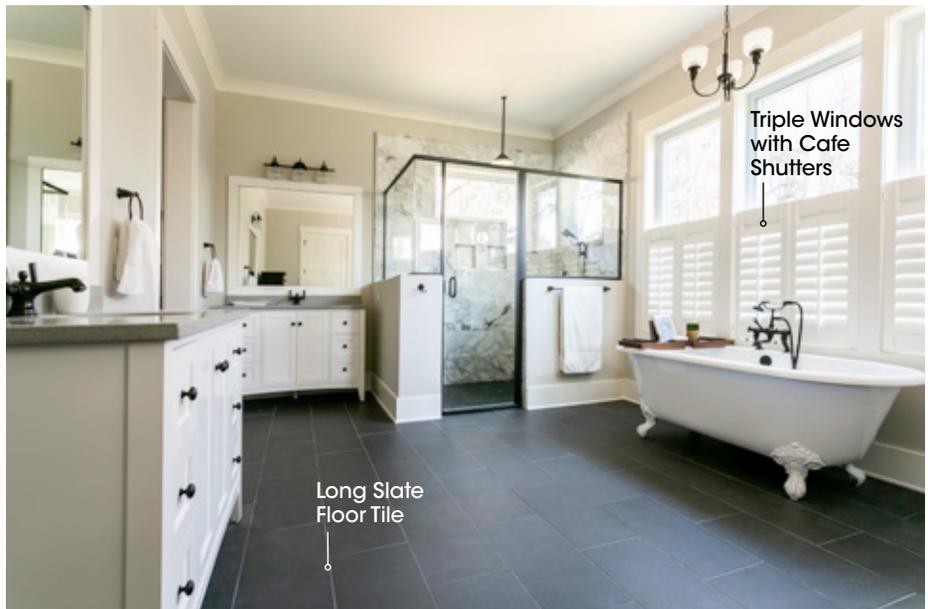
**Countertop Supplier:** AGM Imports

**Countertop Fabricator:**

Tile and Stone Design Studio

**Tile:** Melcer Tile

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Triple Windows with Cafe Shutters

Long Slate Floor Tile

Photography by Callie Cranford

## STAND-OUT FLOOR

These dark slate tile floors complement the black finishes throughout the space filled with natural light.

BATHROOM CONTRIBUTORS:

**Builder:** Galloway Family Homes

**Designer:** Crosby Creations Home Designs

**Countertops:** Real Value, Inc.

**Cabinetry:** Palmetto Building Specialties

**Faucets, Sinks & Tub:** Design on Tap

**Lighting:** Rick's Lighting + Home

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