## Creating a Countertop Surface for a Laundry Room

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## QUESTION

I would like to create a countertop in a laundry room without cabinets underneath. Do you have any suggestions on how to create this?



## ANSWER

When creating a laundry room, you may want a countertop area for folding, sorting, or ironing items over your washer and dryer surface. In this article, we will explain how to create a countertop over this area that does not have a cabinet below it.

## To create a stand-alone countertop with a backsplash

- 1. Select **Build> Cabinet> Base Cabinet**, then click in plan at the appropriate location.
- 2. Use the **Select Objects**  $\geqslant$  tool to select the cabinet and use its edit handles to increase its width.

For the purposes of this example, the Width is set to 5' 9".

- 3. With the cabinet still selected, click on the **Open Object** redit button.
- 4. In the **Base Cabinet Specification** dialog that displays, click on the toe kick in the 3D preview on the right to navigate to the **F**RONT panel, then click the **Delete** button.

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5. On the GENERAL panel, make the following modifications to the existing values:

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Front	Type:	Standard 🗸	
Door/Drawer			
Moldings Materials	Size/Position		
Label	Width:	69"	
	Height:	1 1/2" Including Countertop	
	Depth:	33 3/4"	
	Elevation Reference:	From Floor V	
	Floor to Top:	41"	
	Floor to Bottom:	39 1/2"	
	Countertop		
	Thickness:	1 1/2"	•
	Overhang:	1" Uniform	
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	🗹 Backsplash		
	Height:	3" 🖖	
	Thickness:	1/2"	
	Options:	Side Always Present	
	Options		
	Corner:	✓ Diagonal Door 🔹 Lazy Susan	
	Room:	Suppress Adjacent Room Moldings	
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- Set the Height (Including Countertop) to 1 1/2".
- Set the **Depth** to 33 3/4".
- Set the Floor to Bottom value to 39 1/2".
- Check the **Backsplash** box, if desired, then specify the backsplash properties to your liking.
- 6. Next, go to the MATERIALS panel and set the appropriate material for the **Countertop** and **Backsplash**, then click **OK**.
- 7. Take a **Camera [o** view to see the results.

Now that you have a countertop at the height you want, you can place objects below, and on top of this surface.

Home Designer Architectural and Home Designer Pro have a Custom Countertop tool which allows you to quickly create and modify a custom countertop without having to place and modify a cabinet. Temporary dimensions will also pick up custom countertops starting in Home Designer 2022.

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