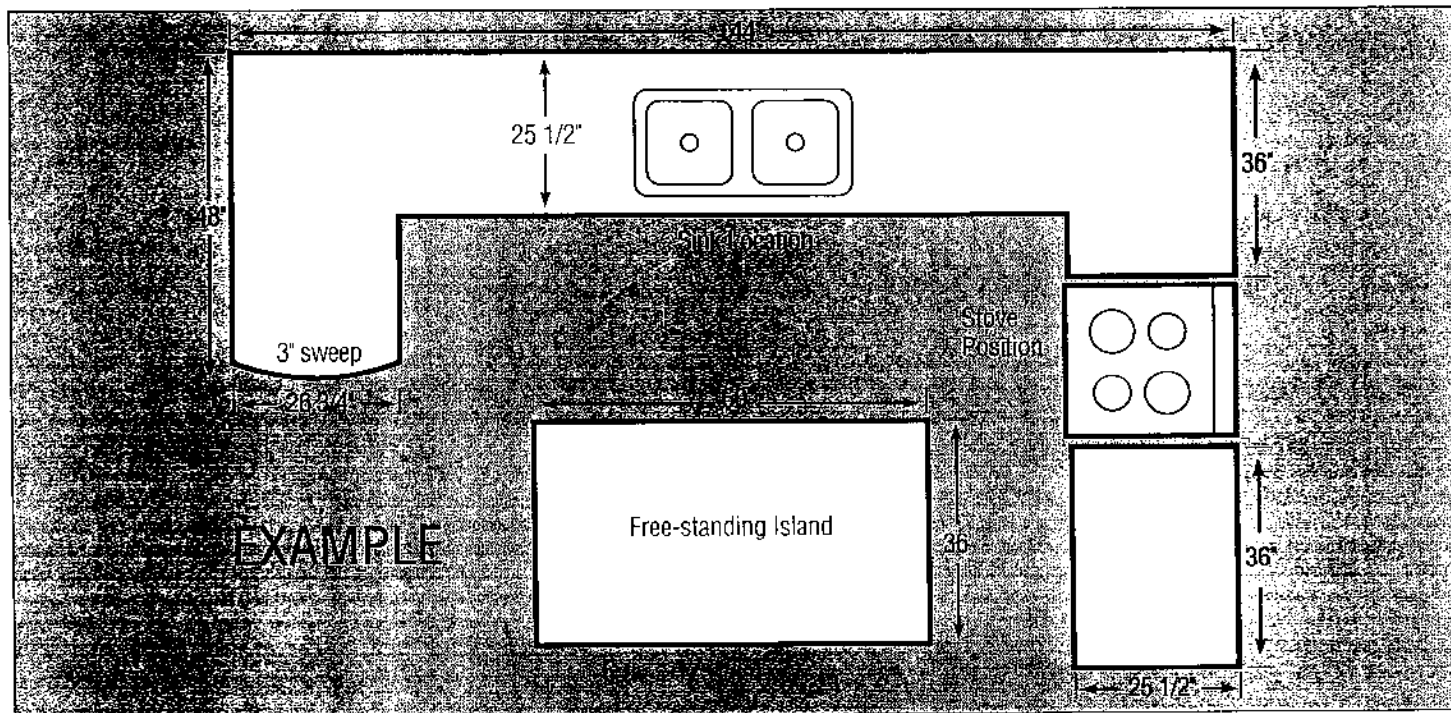


# MEASURING FOR NEW OR REPLACEMENT COUNTERTOPS

When measuring for new or replacement countertops, it is imperative that the dimensions be as accurate as possible. Details such as wall squareness, end treatments, and end splash should be noted carefully.

Your Formatop dealer can help you with any mitre or dimension questions. Use the enclosed measurement guide on page 6 to help you calculate your countertop design.



## REPLACING EXISTING COUNTERTOPS

If the countertops are being replaced without any changes to the layout, then you can simply measure the existing countertops (see diagram above).

**1** Measure the total length of each piece of the countertop along the back where the countertop meets the wall. Measure the width of each piece of countertop. Include any backsplash dimensions within your measurements. Measure each additional piece of countertop, taking care to measure to the nearest 1/8".

**2 FOR ISLANDS AND BARTOPS.** For islands indicate square, radius or diagonal corners. For bartops measure the width and the length from the wall to the end of the bartop. Indicate size of sweep or radius if required (see diagram 6).

### Verify 90 degree corners

Where two walls meet behind countertop, it is important to verify that they are at a 90 degree angle (diagram 9). On

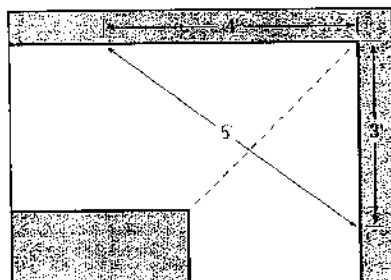


DIAGRAM 9

one wall measure 3 ft. from the corner and on the adjoining wall measure 4 ft. from the corner. Mark these positions carefully. Measure the diagonal between the two points. This distance should be 5 ft. (60") for a 90 degree corner. If your measurement is less than 59 3/4" or more than 60 1/4" make sure you note this on your measurements.

### For Diagonal Corners

Measure dimensions A-B and C-D. Make sure that you include the backsplash depth (see diagram 10). Also include measurements 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 2-7.

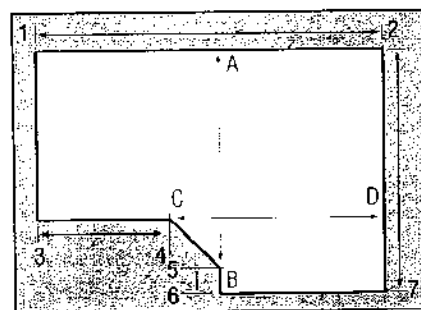


DIAGRAM 10

### End Finishes

Specify the type of end finish (see diagrams 2 to 7) including necessary radius or angle dimensions.

**NOTE:** Indicate whether the countertop requires Build-up (see diagram 1).

# COUNTERTOPS FOR NEW CABINETS

When measuring for completely new countertops it is extremely important that you know the exact dimensions of the new cabinets. Measure the total length of each cabinet section along the back wall (see diagram below, example dimensions 130", 36", 36"). Measure the depth of the cabinets excluding the thickness of the doors. **Standard kitchen cabinet depth is 24"**. For countertop depth allow for overhang past cabinet (standard overhang is 1 1/2"). The depth of the countertop would then be 24" + 1 1/2" = 25 1/2". This is Formatop's standard countertop depth.

For end treatment measurements and options, view diagrams 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

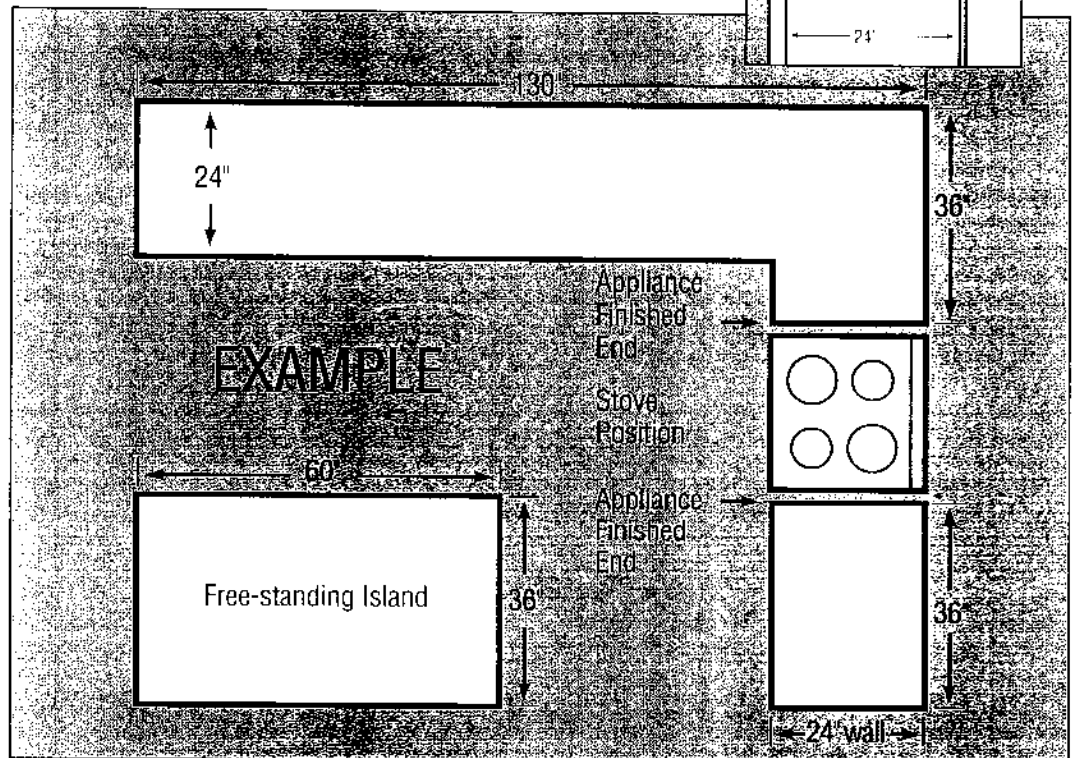
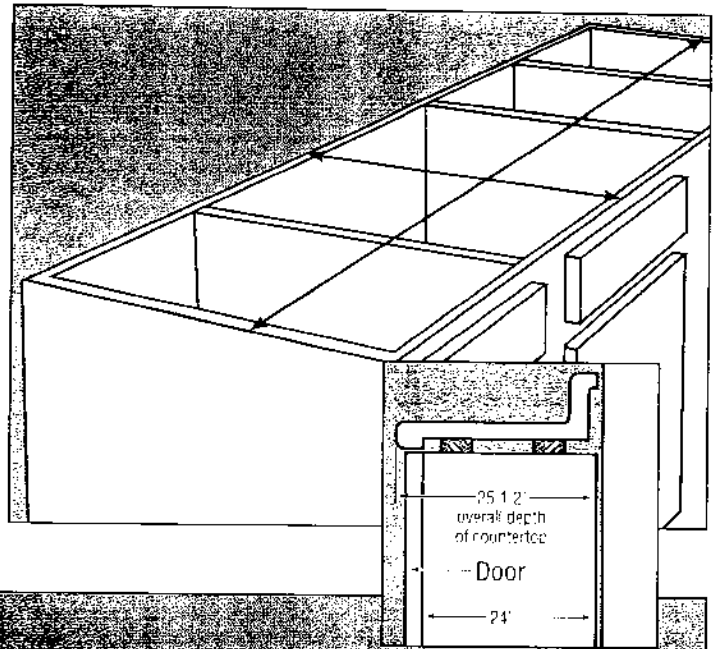
Verify that all corners are 90 degrees (see diagram 9).

For free-standing Island cabinets measure the width and the length (example 36" and 84"). The countertop dimensions should allow for overhang on all four sides. Allow for a minimum of 1 1/2" overhang on all sides. If there is to be a seating area on one or more sides of the island, then the dimension of the overhang will have to be increased. Overhangs larger than 12" will require additional support from the cabinet.

Use the dimension graphic on page 6 to lay out your new countertop dimensions. Be sure to indicate whether countertop requires Build-up. Specify countertop dimensions, NOT cabinet sizes.

## Vanity and Bartops

Measure the width and length of the new cabinets. Indicate location of walls and any end treatment options. See diagram 8 for banjo-top cut around toilet.



## Standard Postform Countertops

Formatop offers a standard range of countertop depths.

- Kitchen countertops 25 1/2" will accommodate standard 24" cabinet depth.
- Bartop standard sizes 26 1/2" - 27", depending on model. Also available in 33", 36", 39" and 42".
- Vanities available in standard sizes 22 1/2" and 23 1/4".

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