## 1/32 grout gap and hrethane grout

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we are installing kitchen countertop 12" granite and trying to decide between epoxy grout or polyurethane based quartz grout in a 1/32" groutline (by Star Quartz). Which would hold up the best for our application? Question 2..could expansion and contraction an issue? thank you

Dear Norma:

I never even heard of that particular grouting material by Star Quartz before, and therefore I can't make any comment.

Epoxy grout is not exactly what I would call a user-friendly product, though once done is indeed an excellent material for the purpose.

An excellent product for grouting kitchen countertops and that's user-friendly, is color-matching latex-based caulk. It has the same advantages of epoxy (stainless and shiny) but it is much easier to apply and to clean.

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