



HOW TO

Caulk a Kitchen Sink, Countertop or Backsplash

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS:

- DAP® 3.0™ Advanced Kitchen & Bath Sealant
- DAP® Silicone Plus™ Kitchen & Bath Sealant
- DAP® Kwik Seal Plus® Premium Kitchen & Bath Adhesive Sealant

These products can be used to caulk and seal cracks and gaps around kitchen sinks, countertops and backsplashes to prevent water and moisture from reaching the wall and surrounding materials.

PAINTABLE, CLEAN-UP, AND OTHER INFORMATION:

Generally, latex-based products are paintable and can be easily cleaned up with soap and water before cured. Silicone products are not paintable and must be cleaned up with solvent cleaners before cured. Carefully read all label instructions before beginning your project. See the product attribute chart for select DAP products providing valuable information to aid in your product selection.

PROJECT INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Be sure to read the entire package to ensure you have all materials the job will require and to budget for dry times in your project. *Carefully review all safety precautions on the package.*
2. Clean and dry the surface you will be sealing to ensure it is free of all dirt, dust, grease, old caulk and debris. To remove old latex caulk, use **DAP® Caulk-Be-Gone®**. To remove silicone sealants, use a utility knife, caulk removal tool and/or a soft synthetic abrasive pad. Once completely removed, wipe away any debris. Use a rag to wipe the joint surface with rubbing alcohol or an over-the-counter disinfecting spray. Rinse thoroughly with water and dry.
3. Apply painter's tape to mask off areas around the joint where the caulk should not appear and to help give a straight caulk line.
4. There are many different nozzle designs on caulk cartridges. Read the instructions of your selected product for directions on cutting the nozzle. Some nozzles have an inner-foil lining that needs to be punctured or a removable nozzle covering an inner plastic seal that also needs to be cut. If you have selected a product in a squeeze tube, cut the nozzle at a 45° angle with scissors or a utility knife and squeeze the product into the joint.
6. Load the cartridge into the caulking gun. Applying steady pressure to the trigger, fill the joint around the sink, countertop or backsplash with an even bead of caulk. It is best to push the caulk ahead of the nozzle to ensure that it gets into the joint for a proper seal. Follow using a finishing tool such as the **DAP® Pro Caulk™ Tool Kit** to smooth the bead for a professional-looking finish.
7. If you applied painter's tape, remove the tape prior to the caulk skinning over. To correctly remove tape, lift the edge up at a 45° angle away from you, and carefully place in a trash can.
8. Wipe away excess caulk or sealant according to manufacturer's instructions (either with water and a damp cloth or mineral spirits) before the caulk or sealant dries. Excess dried caulk or sealant will need to be cut or scraped away.
9. The **DAP CAP™** is ideal for storage if later use of a partially-used container is desired. Store unused container in a cool, dry place away from extreme heat or cold.

THIS IS A GREAT PROJECT TO:



Guard against water and moisture damage

Cured sealant is mold and mildew resistant

Replace old and unsightly stained or damaged sealant

WHICH PRODUCT SHOULD I USE?



DAP® 3.0™ Advanced Kitchen & Bath Sealant

- Paintable: YES
- Clean-up: MINERAL SPIRITS
- Time before painting*: 30 MINUTES
- Colors: WHITE & CLEAR



DAP® Silicone Plus™ Kitchen & Bath Sealant

- Paintable: NO
- Clean-up: MINERAL SPIRITS
- Time before painting*: N/A
- Colors: WHITE & CLEAR



DAP® Kwik Seal Plus® Premium Kitchen & Bath Adhesive Sealant

- Paintable: YES
- Clean-up: SOAP & WATER
- Time before painting*: 2 HOURS
- Colors: WHITE, CLEAR & BISCUIT

*Depends on depth of fill, temperature and humidity. Clear latex-based sealants should dry clear (7-14 days) before painting with latex or oil-based paints.