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GET A GRIP
resurfacing

Q: My laminate kitchen countertops are old and badly stained. I've tried cleaning products without success. I wish to spend as little money as possible on a "fix," so replacing the countertops isn't my first choice, and I don't want my kitchen torn up for days. I'm considering painting the countertops. What type of paint is best for this? -- T.R., Estancia

A: For about the same amount of money, and without having to turn your kitchen into a construction zone, Get A Grip offers a spray-on solution. The company specializes in resurfacing countertops, vanities, bathtubs and sinks with a spray-on coating, says John Disque, technical consultant for the

Albuquerque Get A Grip franchise (268-0929 or 1-800-290-6004).

Its Eurostone coating looks like granite and the Get A Metallic coating is similar but with metal pigments. The two coatings "adhere extremely well to laminates," and are warranted for five years, Disque says. They come in colors that can be blended for a custom match. The surface is dry and ready in 24 hours.

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