

MERILLAT TO CUT JOBS



Merillat is a name that you probably do not know, unless you do a lot of kitchen renovations that is, and the odds that you know their parent company, Masco Cabinetry are just as slim. So before we talk about the job cuts coming in the near future lets being by taking a look at how the company chooses to [describe itself](#), "Based in Ann Arbor, Mich., Masco Cabinetry manufactures three nationally recognized cabinetry brands, KraftMaid®, Merillat® and QualityCabinets™, and the DeNova™ countertop brand. Offering an unmatched selection of stylish, high-quality products at a variety of price levels, Masco Cabinetry brands are favored by builders, dealers, distributors and home centers throughout North America. A leader in environmental stewardship, Masco Cabinetry is ISO 14001 certified and has been granted an Environmental Stewardship Program certificate by the Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association. The company is a division of Masco Corporation (NYSE: MAS), of Taylor, Mich., one of the world's largest manufacturers of brand name consumer products for the home and family. www.masco.cabinetry.com " Sadly the company is getting ready to cut back on about 280 workers at two different facilities in the state of Virginia. These kinds of job cuts are enough to qualify as a mass layoff action, though because two locations are involved the company may actually trigger two mass layoff actions. For those of you who are not familiar with the idea of a mass layoff action here is a look at how the company chooses to [describe](#) itself, "The **Mass Layoff Statistics (MLS)** program collects reports on mass layoff actions that result in workers being separated from their jobs. Monthly mass layoff numbers are from establishments which have at least 50 initial claims for unemployment insurance (UI) filed against them during a 5-week period. Extended mass layoff numbers (issued quarterly) are from a subset of such establishments—where private sector nonfarm employers indicate that 50 or more workers were separated from their jobs for at least 31 days." Interestingly enough the company, in it most recent [press release](#), chose to talk about redecorating strategies instead of the changes that it is making to the company, "The changing seasons mean lots of things: beautiful fall colors, football and, for families across the country, back-to-school and holiday gatherings. After a summer of carefree living, long days and relaxation, changing gears from fun and sun to homework and sports can be a challenge for even the most organized family. It doesn't have to be, with these simple tips, getting back into the swing of things can be as refreshing as the crisp fall air." As you can imagine this is not the only manufacturing company to make job cuts in the recent past. For those of you who missed out on our [earlier coverage](#) of job cuts to [Applied Materials, Inc.](#) here is an excerpt that will get you up to speed in no time at all, "Sadly the company is getting ready to make some serious cuts to their jobs in order to set its balance sheet to right. The company is contemplating job cuts between in the rage of between 900 and 1,300 jobs, for a loss of up to nine percent of the staff if all is said and done." **Update:** Applied Materials Inc. is hiring now. [Click here](#) to check out the available openings with the company.