

Which Stone Surface Is Right For Me?

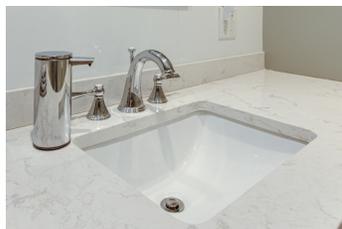
Stone Countertop Comparison Chart

	STONE COMPOSITION	CLEANABILITY/MAINTENANCE	PRICE
QUARTZ	Engineered using 93% quartz, bound with resin and pigments.	Non-porous - no sealing required. Not heat-resistant. Clean with mild soaps and cleaners.	\$\$ - \$\$\$\$
GRANITE	All-natural product, mined all over the world. Each slab is one of a kind.	Granite is porous. Periodically seal to prevent staining. Use granite cleaner or mild soaps.	\$ - \$\$\$\$
QUARTZITE	All-natural, metamorphic product that comes from sandstone. Extremely durable & long-lasting.	Similar to granite, quartzite is porous & needs to be sealed. Can be etched by acids like lemon. Clean with mild soaps/cleaners.	\$\$\$ - \$\$\$\$
MARBLE	Composed of calcium - carbonate. Very soft material.	High-maintenance material. Marble is very porous & needs to be sealed. Can be etched by acids. Use a damp cloth & soap or a PH neutral stone cleaner.	\$\$\$\$
SOAPSTONE	Steatite stone that includes chlorite, magnesite & dolomite. Talc gives it a powdery look. Softer than granite.	Non-porous - no sealing required. Requires periodic oiling, which will produce a natural patina over time. Avoid cutting directly on the surface or dropping heavy items on it.	\$\$\$

Stone Applications:



Kitchen Countertops



Bath Vanity Tops



Marble/Tile Shower Walls



Countertop Upgrade:
Waterfall Edge

Popular Edge Details:



Pencil



3/8" Roundover



1/4" Bevel



Ogee



Bullnose



Double Ogee

* More edge profile options are available, including custom options, please ask your designer for more details.

Backsplash Options:



Tile Backsplash



4" Stone Backsplash



Full-Height Stone Backsplash

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The Countertop Selection Process

From Initial Consultation To Final Selection

1 Showroom Design Appointment - View Samples, Decide Options

Your designer will show you samples of different countertops & discuss features and benefits of each material. Your estimate will be based on chosen material, color group, square footage & sink choice. For countertop replacements, we recommend measuring your countertop area at home before coming in for an estimate.

Your Sink Options

In most cases, your sink will need to be replaced along with your countertop. Our designers will show you the different sink options for stone countertops. It is important to have your new sink on site prior to template so that your countertop can include the correct size cutout. The fabricators may take the sink with them at template.



Undermount Stainless



Farmer's/Apron



Undermount - Other



Granite/Quartz

2 Finalize Selections & Place Your Order

3 Select Your Slab

In most cases, with natural stone & quartz, we will help arrange an appointment for you to pick out your own slab at our stone fabricator/distributor. Every slab is unique! At your appointment, you may pick out a slab in your quoted color group, or you may upgrade to a different group if you find something you like better. Once you choose your slab, it will be set aside for you until it's time for template.



4 Countertop Template

On your scheduled template date, you should remove all items from your existing countertop space. Our fabricator will send a technician to carefully template your new countertop using ultra-precise laser measurement tools. Make sure to have your new sink & faucet on hand - the technician will review the details & placement of your sink and faucet. They may take your sink with them - they will install it for you along with your new countertop in 1-2 weeks.

5 Countertop Installation

On the day of your countertop installation, please make sure your existing countertops are already removed, and all plumbing is disconnected. The cabinets must be level - if Norfolk installed your cabinets, we will take care of this part. Countertops usually take between 3-4 hours to install. Make sure you keep any walkways to your house free of any snow, ice, etc.



6 Reconnect Plumbing

Once your countertops, sink & faucet are installed, you will need to arrange for a plumber to come and reconnect your plumbing. Allow 24 hours for all adhesives to cure before plumbing is reconnected.

7 Enjoy Your Beautiful New Countertops!

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