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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does Granite stain?

A: All of our countertops are treated with a silicone impregnator which penetrates the stone surface and clogs tiny pores to stop the absorption of liquids.

Q: Does Granite need to be resealed?

A: If water no longer beads up on your counter's surface or if the surface stays dark with wetting, it is time to reseal which is a very simple process that can be done by the homeowner.

Q: What is the proper way to care for Granite countertops?

A: There are several Granite cleaners on the market that work well. A mild, non-abrasive cleaner diluted with water is a fine option.

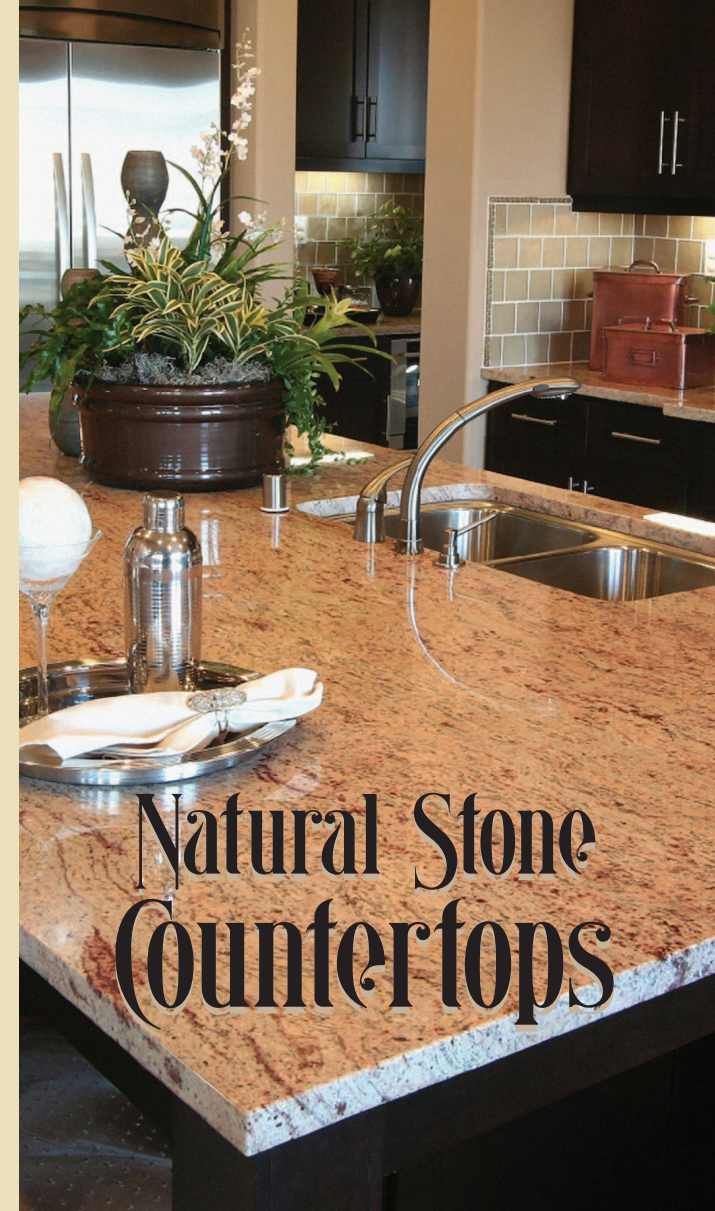
Q: Do you have sq. ft. pricing available for stone tops?

A: No. Pricing is affected by the availability of the material as well as different edge profiles and details. For this reason we price each countertop according to the customer's needs. This ensures that our customers receive an accurate price for their countertops.

Showroom Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



Natural Stone
Countertops

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The Beauty of Natural Stone

When purchasing granite or any other natural stone, it is important to understand the material so that your expectations will be realistic.

Variations in Natural Stone

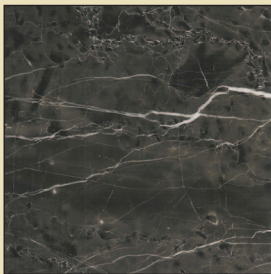
Slab materials are consecutively cut from massive blocks of stone. Since we are dealing with



a natural material, color and pattern variations may occur. This is not a flaw, but a unique trait of granite which adds to the beauty of your final countertop.

Some stones have beautiful swirling patterns or waves of veining, which we call “movement”.

Great care is taken to color blend the different pieces that make up a job, but we are only capable of what the slabs allow. For this reason,



we recommend that every customer take the time to visit our granite supplier’s stone yard and view the actual slabs which will be used for your countertops.

Granite

Granite is the best choice for natural stone countertop surfaces in any kitchen or other high traffic areas in your home.

Besides being beautiful, granite is highly resistant to scratching and damage from heat. Even so, we do not recommend that you cut on your granite countertops. Though chances are you will not damage your countertop, you may very well shorten the life of your knives. All granites contain *biotites*, which are tiny areas that do not polish the way the rest of your countertops will. These are not defects, but a natural trait in granite which is more noticeable in some types of granite than in others.

Specifications

As a silica rich igneous rock, granite has a density (hardness factor) of 240 lbs. per cubic foot and averages 19,000 lbs. per square inch in compressive strength.

Granite Thickness

2 cm (3/4”) weighing approximately 15 lbs. per square inch and 3 cm (1 3/16”) weighing approximately 21 lbs. per square inch.

Tolerances of Granite

- Thickness: ± 18 ”
- Squareness: $\pm 1/16$ ”
- Joints/Seams: $\pm 1/8$ ”

Marble

Marbles are some of the most elegant stones used for countertops. As with many elegant things, some of the most beautiful marbles are extremely fragile. Marble can scratch more easily than some of the other harder stones and can be etched by acidic solutions such as lemon juice. For this reason we recommend marble countertops be used in low traffic, light work areas, such as bathroom vanity tops, tub deckings and fire place surrounds.



Specifications

Marble is a metamorphic rock with a density of 192 lbs. per cubic foot and averages 7,200 lbs. per square inch in compressive strength.

Marble Thickness

2 cm (3/4”) weighing approximately 12 lbs. per square inch.

Tolerances of Marble

- Thickness: ± 18 ”
- Squareness: $\pm 1/16$ ”
- Joints/Seams: $\pm 1/8$ ”