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THE FACTS *about* GRANITE



UNIQUE

Granite is a product of nature, therefore no two granite slabs /countertops are alike. Granite varies in appearance within the same color, from piece to piece, and lot to lot, depending on where and when it was mined. Varying gloss level, pitting and resin-filled fissures may occur in some granites and should be considered when making a product selection.



COLOR RANGE

Granite is available in an astounding range of colors, covering the spectrum from near-white to rich greens, solid blacks and rare shades of blue. With warm tones and varied movement and veining within slabs, the possibilities of colors are almost endless.



CUSTOM-MADE

Granite is mined in blocks and sliced into slabs, which are then cut-to-size locally, based on the needs of your project.



NATURAL

As a product of nature, granite has a timeless quality that never expires.



DURABLE

Due to extreme conditions in which it is formed, as well as its mineral composition, granite is one of the hardest and most durable surfaces available. This makes it perfectly suited to withstand the busiest rooms and environments, in interior and exterior settings.



HEAT RESISTANT

Granite is one of the most heat resistant products for countertops. However, it can be damaged by extreme, direct heat exposure. Hot items such as pots and pans should not be placed directly on natural stones. As a safety precaution, use coasters or trivets on countertop areas.



SEALING

Granite is one of the least absorbent, stain-resistant materials that exists. A quality sealer will penetrate the stone, allow it to breathe, and permit more of the stone's natural beauty to shine through. Unsealed stone is more susceptible to absorbing moisture, dirt and cleaning chemicals. Therefore, it is recommended that a sealer be applied soon after installation.



SEAMS

In most installations, seams may be visible and can typically be felt. Depending on the color, some granite seams will be less visible than others.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

Granite, when properly sealed, is simple to care for and maintain. Keep your natural stone looking its best by wiping it prior to cleaning it with a pH-neutral cleaner or warm water.



WHERE TO INSTALL

Granite can be installed in interior environments, and many can be installed in a variety of exterior environments, both commercial and residential.

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THE FACTS *about* QUARTZ



COMPOSITION

Quartz slabs are made from crushed quartz in various sizes, mixed with pigments and resin to bind the material together.



SEALING

Quartz is not porous and is highly resistant to staining. Most quartz products do not require sealing. Brushed finishes are the exception and do require sealing.



COLOR RANGE

Quartz is manufactured in a wide range of colors. Colors are manufactured with very tight tolerances, therefore colors are consistent from slab to slab.



SEAMS

In most installations, seams may be visible and can typically be felt. Seams are typically more visible with solid colors than with colors that have more variation.



CONSISTENT

Quartz has a lower gloss level than granite, primarily due to the resin content. Quartz slabs have a relatively consistent finish and will not have pitting, fissures, etc.



CARE & MAINTENANCE

The ideal cleaner for quartz is a soft cloth using a gentle soap and water. For general maintenance, use denatured alcohol or a pH-neutral cleaner.



HEAT RESISTANT

Quartz is more prone to damage from heat exposure and harsh cleaners. A trivet should always be used between constant heat sources and a quartz countertop.



WHERE TO INSTALL

Quartz can be installed in interior environments, both commercial and residential.