

Elegant Rocks

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What is Granite?

Granite is a coarse grained crystalline igneous rock composed primarily of quartz and feldspar. It forms from slowly cooling magma (silicate melt) that is subjected to extreme pressures deep beneath the earth's surface.

With public awareness increasingly turning to the use of natural materials in the home, Granite has become the countertop of choice for today's kitchen designer. Synthetic solid surface materials are no match for the richness, depth, and stellar performance of real granite. Unlike laminates and solid-surface materials, a hot frying pan has no effect on granite's mirror like finish. The diamond-like hardness of granite makes it virtually impervious to abrasions, stains, and extreme heat.

Most important: by choosing a granite countertop and island, you not only give your kitchen timeless performance and beauty, you increase the value of your home.

Features

- Highly Heat Resistant
- Naturally Beautiful
- Chip, stain and scratch resistant
- Resistant to mold and mildew
- Immune to freezing and thawing

Granite is the ultimate countertop material. Impervious to heat, easy to care for, the hardest stone on earth, it is available in hundreds of colors and can be used in the most demanding situations. Granite countertops will compliment any décor.

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Among the natural stones, granite stands out as a favorite countertop material. It is durable, heat- and scratch-resistant, and pleasing to the eye. "Granite has its own beauty that I haven't seen duplicated in the solid surface countertops," says Joyce Doiguchi of Homeowners Design Center.

"Granite is unique," adds Marmol Hawaii's Tony Roy. "It comes in a wide range of colors and patterns. If you purchase a granite slab, no one will have exactly the same countertop as yours. Also, granite won't burn, scratch or stain easily. Harsh household cleaning agents and scrub pads won't affect granite.

"And if you're concerned about bacterial contamination of your kitchen countertops, granite would be a good choice for you. One recent study measuring the bacteria resistance capacity of common countertop materials found that granite came in a close second, next to stainless steel." (In the test, Roy tells us, countertops were contaminated with E-coli bacteria, washed with soap and water, then sanitized with a vinegar and water solution.)