

## **GRANITE : AN EXCELLENT CHOICE**

Granite, one of the most popular stones among homeowners, is quarried in the form of huge blocks, some weighing up to 35 tons. These blocks are cut into slabs generally 3/4" or 1 1/4" thick and the faces polished to a specified finish.

As a natural stone product, granite has flecked or pebbled appearance and is susceptible to colour variations, predominant flow, veining, pitting of varying size or small fissure lines on the surface. The presence of any of these natural characteristics rarely affects the structural integrity of the product. While some colors are more prone to these variances than others, many people consider these anomalies to be one of the great benefits of a natural product and contribute to the dramatic beauty and uniqueness of the stone. This means each finished countertop is distinctive and is completely unlike the repetitive uniformity of materials produced by machine or assembly line.

Because granite is quarried from a mountainside, it is impossible to have absolute uniformity in every slab. As a result, there may be some variations in the colour of pattern of the stone that is selected to fabricate your specific countertops versus the samples you were shown in the showroom. As the stone is quarried and named, the colour is compared to the original stone of that colour and must fit within certain tolerances. If the colour moves too far from the original, another name is chosen to identify the new stone. As a result of these variables within natural stone, as a supplier we will not be held responsible for slight colour variations, or any other naturally occurring characteristics of the stone.

Granite's durability and longevity make it ideal for kitchen countertops and add true value to your home. While some synthetic surfaces scratch easily and melt under hot cookware, granite resists heat. Granite is also one of the most bacteria-resistant kitchen surfaces. It is also nearly impossible to scratch, and with proper cleaning and will not stain under normal use. For customer peace of mind we always seal the countertops after installation.

You'll find caring for your natural stone is easy. Warm water, mild dishwashing liquid, and a soft clean cloth are generally all that's needed to maintain your granite countertop surface