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The Complete Countertop Materials Guide

Quartz, quartzite, granite, marble, and porcelain compared, so you can choose your stone with confidence.

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AT A GLANCE

The 5 materials, side by side

MATERIAL	LOOK	DURABILITY	UPKEEP	BEST FOR
Quartz	Consistent, modern	Very high	None, never seals	Busy family kitchens
Quartzite	Marble-like veining	Very high	Seal periodically	The marble look, more durable
Granite	Natural, unique	High, heat-resistant	Seal periodically	A tough natural surface
Marble	Classic, luxurious	Softer, can etch	Higher care	Statement, lower-traffic spaces
Porcelain	Large-format, varied	High	Very low	Thin profiles, modern looks

QUICK GUIDE

Lowest upkeep? Quartz. Best heat resistance? Granite. The marble look with more durability? Quartzite. Timeless luxury? Marble.

THE STONES IN DETAIL

Quartz & Quartzite

- **Quartz (engineered)**

Made from ground natural quartz and resin, so it is non-porous and never needs sealing. It resists stains and looks consistent from slab to slab. Use a trivet for very hot pans. The easiest surface to live with.

- **Quartzite (natural)**

A natural stone that often looks like marble but is harder than granite and resists etching. Seal it periodically. The trending pick for homeowners who want the marble aesthetic with real durability.

THE STONES IN DETAIL

Granite, Marble & Porcelain

- **Granite (natural)**

100% natural and highly heat-resistant, so hot cookware is no problem. Every slab is one of a kind. Seal it periodically to keep it stain-resistant.

- **Marble (natural)**

The timeless luxury choice with unmatched veining. It is softer and can etch from acids like lemon or wine, so it shines in statement kitchens and lower-traffic areas, with a little more care.

- **Porcelain (engineered)**

Thin, durable, and available in large-format looks including marble patterns. Non-porous and very low maintenance, great for a sleek modern profile.

MAKE THE CALL

How to choose your stone

There is no wrong choice between five great materials. Narrow it down with three questions.

1

How do you cook?

Heavy use and hot pans favor quartz or granite. Lighter use opens the door to marble.

2

What look do you want?

Consistent and modern points to quartz or porcelain. Unique natural veining points to granite, quartzite, or marble.

3

How much upkeep is okay?

Quartz and porcelain never seal. Granite, quartzite, and marble do, with marble asking for the most care.

ONE LAST THING

Photos lie. Natural stone varies slab to slab, so always see and hand-pick the actual piece before you decide. What you see is what we install.

YOUR NEXT STEP

Found your stone?

Come hand-pick your actual slab at our Stamford location and get a fast, free estimate. You choose the stone, we handle everything else.

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