

GRANITE

**EVERYTHING YOU
NEED TO KNOW**

STONE CHARACTERISTICS
APPLICATIONS
CARE & MAINTENANCE



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WHAT IS GRANITE?

Scientists have estimated for Earth's newest granite to be 750 million years young. Having been formed and compressed within Earth's crust for such a long period, its durability and strength makes granite suitable for places with heavy traffic and usage. It's no surprise why most people turn to granite when they want a building material would last them a lifetime with as little to even no maintenance required, while still giving their interior space a spark of character.

Granite is an indigenous rock that comprises of other minerals, such as quartz, mica, and feldspar - of which quartz and feldspar have been proven to be stronger than steel. This gives most granites a mohs hardness scale rating of 6-7.

CONSIDERATIONS

All natural materials are perfectly imperfect. There will be variation from piece to piece, with a wide range of characteristics (i.e cracks, fissures and filled holes). Materials will scratch, stain, etch, effloresce and patina overtime.

This is perfectly normal and is part of the inherent beauty of natural materials; these are not material defects.

APPLICATIONS

Floor	Yes
Wall	Yes
Countertop - light usage	Yes
Countertop - heavy usage	Yes
Outdoors	Yes
Wet areas	Yes

THREE SIMPLE TIPS

Granite is strong, heat and bacteria resistant and can take heavy wear and tear. It is one of the easiest natural building material to maintain, although some ongoing housekeeping is still required to keep it beautiful.

SEAL

Granite is generally stain resistant but it is still not stain-proof. The sealant will give your granite countertops extra protection against spills by making a moisture-resistant surface even more moisture resistant. When water no longer beads, it's time to reseal.

PROTECT

Use coasters and cutting boards. Wipe up spills immediately. Avoid direct contact of hot pots and pans on your granite countertops.

Place doormats at entrances to catch debris from feet soles that might scratch the floor surface finish.


CLEAN

Good old soap and water along with a mop will do the trick for granite floors. Nevertheless, long term use of dish soap will eventually cause build up and dull your granite's sheen, so an occasional wipe down with a 50/50 mix of water and isopropyl alcohol will help to cut down on the buildup.

Also, abrasive pads and other rough cleaning tools will cause tiny scratches in your stone, alleviating it of its luster. Be careful when using a vacuum for your flooring - sometimes it could scratch the stone surface. A dry mop for your floors, or a simple washcloth or a soft microfiber cloth for your countertop, will keep your granite clean and safe from scratches.

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