



Marble, Granite & Masonry

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Marble

Marble is a metamorphic rock found in the mountainous regions of most countries of the world. Marble quarried in India, China, Italy, and Spain represents the majority of marble, in terms of volume, that is utilized worldwide. Because of its beauty and elegance, marble is a popular choice for countertops, floors, foyers, fireplace facings, hearths, walls and windowsills.

Why do people use marble?

People use marble because of the very attractive colors that are available. Marble comes in hues of white, black, gray, yellow, green, and pink, some with dark, prominent veins and other with more subtle patterning. Irregular lines of veining can be a nice contrast to a room with straight lines.

Can I use marble in my kitchen?

StoneOne does not recommended marble for use in kitchens because it is soft and porous and therefore prone to staining, etching and scratching. Things like red wine, vinegar, marinara sauce, blueberries and lemons will etch the finish. It does not matter how careful you are, how neat and tidy, your marble top will etch, it will have water marks, and it will develop a patina as it gets older. The application of a good sealer will reduce, but not eliminate, the vulnerability to etching and staining.

Marble Finishes

Honed Finish: Created by sanding the surface so that it has a soft, matte finish, honed marble won't show scratches as much, shows the stone off as a little less bright and is more susceptible to staining as the pores are open. Sealing is highly recommended to help prevent severe staining.

Polished Finish: Polished to a shiny exterior, this finish won't stain as easily but it will show scratches and etching more readily than honed. Polished surfaces are shiny and bright, but they will be worn down in time.