

# 17 TIPS FOR SELECTING A NATURAL STONE COUNTERTOP CHECKLIST

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## MY CHECKLIST

- Bring a **cabinet door panel** or sample of the cabinet finish to the stone yard to help determine your selection.
- Bring samples of **flooring** you are considering to help you decide which is most suitable for the stones you will be looking at.
- If you have narrowed down your wall **paint colors** to several options, bring them as well to better visualize the design.
- Make a **copy of the kitchen layout** from your kitchen design, complete with all measurements, to help you envision the cuts on the stone and where certain sections of veining or color in the slab will fall.
- Print **photos of finished kitchens featuring stones** that you like to use as a visual aid while searching.
- Bring a **tape measure** to take working measurements of the slab and see where certain countertops could fit into the slab.
- Check the weather** before scheduling to view slabs outdoors.
- Decide whether you prefer **movement**, i.e. veining, or a **more neutral**, monochromatic stone to help narrow down your choices.
- Determine the relationship between the cabinet, floor and slab for **subtle or strong contrasts** and .
- Determine what kind of **surface finish** you want for your countertop: polished, honed, antiqued, leathered, brushed, flamed, etc.
- Take a close look at the surface** character of the stone. Rub your hands along the face of the slab and feel for any natural inclusions, fissures, pits or any other unique geological occurrences.

- Working from the copy of your kitchen layout, take your tape measure and, starting with the largest and most visible area of the kitchen, **determine which part of the slab is the most interesting** and see if it can be used for that spot in the kitchen.
- Think about **your seam locations**, the best areas for seams are inside cut-outs such as sinks or cook tops.
- Believe it or not, your **choice of edging** will sometimes dictate which stone you choose.
- If you are considering an outdoor kitchen then be sure that the stone is suitable for exterior use.
- Be sure to **reserve enough material** to complete your job and double check that the slabs are all from the same lot.
- Ensure that your fabricator will apply a **good quality penetrating sealer** to the finished countertops once they are cut and installed.

## MY NOTES

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