



Countertop Comparison Guide

Six surfaces, side by side — find your perfect match

	Laminate \$-\$\$	Quartz \$\$-\$\$\$	Natural Stone \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Porcelain \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Solid Surface \$\$-\$\$\$	Butcher Block \$-\$\$\$
PERFORMANCE						
STAIN	●●●●○	●●●●●	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●○	●●○○○
WATER	●●●●○	●●●●●	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●○○○
SCRATCH	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●●●○	●●●●○	●●●○○	●●●○○
HEAT	●●○○○	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●○○○	●●○○○
CHEMICAL	●●●●○	●●●●○	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●○	●●○○○
IMPACT	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●●○○	●●○○○	●●●○○	●●●●○
KEY FEATURES						
SEALING NEEDED	NO	NO	YES — 1-2 YRS	NO	NO	OIL OCCASIONALLY
OUTDOOR USE	NO	NO — UV FADES	YES	YES — UV PROOF	NO	NO
REPAIRABLE	NO	MINOR CHIPS ONLY	REPOLISH & RESEAL	NO	FULLY — SAND & BUFF	SAND & REFINISH
SEAMLESS JOINTS	SEAMS	SEAMS	SEAMS	SEAMS	INVISIBLE	SEAMS
BEST FOR						
IDEAL USE	Rentals, laundry, budget renovations	Kitchens, baths, low-maintenance homes	Luxury kitchens, outdoor, fireplaces	Outdoor kitchens, high-traffic, commercial	Healthcare, integrated sinks, seamless baths	Islands, bar tops, rustic & mixed-material
COLOUR RANGE	1,300+ colours	100+ colours	Unique — varies by slab	Growing selection	Wide palette	Wood species dependent
STANDOUT TRAIT	Best value & fastest turnaround	Zero maintenance	One-of-a-kind natural beauty	Ultimate performance	Fully repairable & seamless	Warm, functional, renewable
PRACTICAL DETAILS						
MAINTENANCE	Soap & damp cloth	Soap & water	Seal every 1-2 years	Any household cleaner	Soap & water	Oil occasionally

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Natural Stone Comparison

Every stone tells a different story — here's how they compare

	Granite \$\$\$	Quartzite \$\$\$\$	Marble \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Soapstone \$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	Limestone \$\$-\$\$\$	Slate \$\$-\$\$\$
PERFORMANCE						
STAIN	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●○○
WATER	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●○○
SCRATCH	●●●●○	●●●●●	●●○○○	●●●○○	●●○○○	●●●●○
HEAT	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●○	●●●●●
CHEMICAL	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●●●	●●○○○	●●●○○
IMPACT	●●●●○	●●●●○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●●○
CHARACTERISTICS						
APPEARANCE	Speckled, flecked patterns with depth	Dramatic veining, marble-like but harder	Elegant veining, timeless luxury	Smooth, matte, develops patina	Soft, earthy tones, fossil patterns	Layered texture, cleft or honed finish
SEALING	YEARLY	YEARLY	EVERY 3-6 MONTHS	OPTIONAL — NATURALLY DENSE	EVERY 3-6 MONTHS	YEARLY
OUTDOOR USE	YES	YES	NOT IDEAL — STAINS	YES — FROST-PROOF	NO — TOO POROUS	YES
HARDNESS (MOHS)	6-7	7-8	3-4	1-2	3-4	4-5
BEST FOR						
IDEAL USE	Kitchens, outdoor, high-traffic areas	Kitchens wanting marble look with durability	Low-traffic baths, fireplaces, accent surfaces	Kitchens, farmhouse style, labs	Bathrooms, fireplaces, accent walls	Flooring, outdoor, rustic kitchens
STANDOUT TRAIT	Workhorse — tough & versatile	Hardest natural stone	Unmatched luxury & elegance	Naturally antibacterial	Soft warmth & character	Rugged, slip-resistant texture
PRACTICAL DETAILS						
MAINTENANCE	pH-neutral cleaner, seal yearly	pH-neutral cleaner, seal yearly	Gentle cleaner only, seal often	Mineral oil for even patina	Gentle cleaner, seal often	pH-neutral cleaner, seal yearly
KEY CAUTION	Acidic spills can etch if unsealed	Heavy — requires strong support	Etches with any acid (lemon, wine, vinegar)	Soft — scratches easily but darkens over time	Very porous — stains and etches readily	Can flake along layers if poorly sealed
UNIQUE NOTE	Hand-pick your slab — each is one-of-a-kind	Often mislabelled — verify with your fabricator	Develops character (patina) with age — embrace it	Darkens over time — many owners love the aged look	Contains natural fossils — truly unique patterns	Natural cleft finish is slip-resistant for floors

Every slab is unique. Visit our showroom to hand-pick your stone and see its natural character in person.
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