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Custom Granite: Kitchen Countertops from Natural and Engineered Stone by [Robert Vadra](#)

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Are you ready to go granite with your kitchen countertops? Natural stone countertops including granite kitchen countertops, marble countertops, and quartz countertops make an immediate impression and look stunning even after extensive wear and tear.

## Benefits of Granite Countertops

Ontario homeowners have embraced the granite countertops craze for good reason: Granite kitchen countertops are gorgeous, durable, and easy to clean.

**Beauty** â€“ Whether you choose natural granite, marble, or quartz countertops, your kitchen will have smooth, beautiful kitchen countertops that never go out of style.

**Durability** â€“ You can't beat the durability of granite kitchen countertops. Ontario kitchen designers and home builders recommend sealants to keep the kitchen countertops looking their best and for repelling stains. Despite being extremely durable, it is not recommended to use them as a cutting surface. Doing so could damage the sealant and will likely dull your kitchen knives.

**Maintenance** â€“ Granite, quartz, and marble countertops are easy to keep clean and require very little maintenance. Generally speaking, a quick wipe with a damp, soft cloth is all that's needed to maintain a lustrous shine. Periodic application of an approved sealant is as simple as spraying, wiping, and buffing.

## Which Stone Kitchen Countertops are Right for Your Ontario Kitchen?

Granite, marble, and quartz have different properties, making it important for homeowners to understand the differences. Granite and marble countertops come from natural stone quarries while quartz countertops are made from engineered stone. Because granite and marble are natural stone products, they are not necessarily uniform in appearance. Even a continuous slab of granite or marble will have variations and irregularities. This makes choosing a slab extremely important as colours and patterns can vary dramatically or slightly. In addition, the presence or absence of different minerals such as mica can lend different effects to the stone. Many builders, designers, and homeowners celebrate these variations and the character that they lend to the kitchen countertops.

Ontario homeowners that prefer a more uniform appearance often choose quartz countertops. Since the stone has been "engineered," the countertops are more uniform in colour and pattern than their natural stone counterparts.

When it comes to deciding between granite and marble countertops, Ontario designers typically recommend granite for kitchen countertops and marble for bathroom countertops and shower surrounds. This is because marble is more porous than granite (granite is also porous). However if you love the look of marble countertops, sealants are available and highly recommended.

## Choosing Kitchen Countertops

Whether you want granite, marble, or quartz countertops, Ontario homeowners and builders have long relied on GoGranite.ca to learn about and order superior custom granite. With a huge factory

showroom showcasing thousands of granite and marble slabs as well as leading quartz brands, the design possibilities are virtually limitless.

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