

Granite vs. Quartz

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During your renovation, you are going to have to make a decision regarding countertops. And not just in your kitchen... You need to think about the counters in your bathroom, ensuite, laundry room, and on the bar. Stone is the most popular choice. It adds style and elegance to your home, not to mention gives your home a higher value.



Two of the most commonly picked stones are Granite and Quartz. But what's the difference? Is one better than the other? Which one should you pick? In this post we will give a quick breakdown of each to help you decide which one you want in your home.

Granite is a natural stone, that has been quarried from the earth and cut into slabs. It ranges in colour from neutrals and rose shades, to blues and green hues. The colour, shade, and pattern sometimes lack consistency from sample to finished product, but that is part of the beauty of this natural stone. Granite needs to be sealed and then it is quite easy to maintain and care for.

Quartz, or engineered stone, is an artificial stone that has been manufactured to specifications. It is a combination of natural quartz that has been crushed to pieces and resin. Therefore, it can come in a much wider variety of colours and patterns. Quartz is maintenance free and will last for a very long time.

They have similar costs. They are both heavy and durable. Granite has a natural beauty and adds an element of sophistication and status to the houses it is in. Quartz is more customizable. Here at Ultimate we have used both many times before, both in our customers' homes and our showhomes. Right now, we are a little partial to Cambria Quartz, which is in many places in our current showhome.

We do have a full blog post dedicated to Quartz from stone experts, Giada Surfaces. Check it out [here](#) to learn about the current popular styles, recommended suppliers, and get more information on how Quartz is made and cared for.



So which one do you choose? Easy! You choose the one that fits your style. The one that fits your budget. The one that is aesthetically pleasing to you, and the one that you want in your home. If you're still unsure, we would be more than happy to talk through the options with you.



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