

Pick your stone

Whether you're looking for grainy, veiny, sparkly, or matte, there's a stone for you. Here are some of our favorite options

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marble

Name: Calacatta gold (Italy)
Price: \$100* per sq. ft.; cancos.com
Highlights: A classic white Italian marble with gold veining. Can be polished or honed. Seal every few months. Low acid resistance.



slate

Name: Dark green (Vermont)
Price: \$80* per sq. ft.; sheldonslate.com
Highlights: So dense that sealing isn't required. Buff out scratches with an abrasive pad. For more gloss, use mineral oil. Highly acid-resistant.



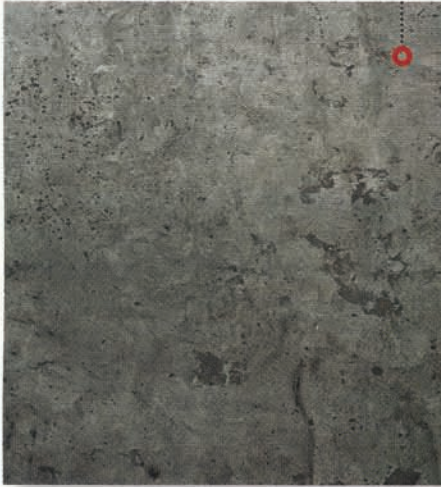
granite

Name: Floresta verde (Brazil)
Price: Starting at \$57** per sq. ft.; sensagranite.com
Highlights: Polishes to a high shine; very acid-resistant. This stone has sealer with 15-year antistain warranty.



travertine

Name: Volcano (Turkey)
Price: \$30* per sq. ft.; akdo.com
Highlights: Surface pits are filled with grout or resin to prevent food particles from being trapped. Seal frequently. Low acid resistance.



quartzite

Name: Burgundy (Italy)
Price: Starting at \$90** per sq. ft.; charlesluck.com
Highlights: No veining. Very resistant to scratches and acids; seal every two to five years.

limestone

Name: Jerusalem gold (Israel)
Price: \$30* per sq. ft.; akdo.com
Highlights: Soft colors and matte surfaces distinguish it from marble. Can't take a high polish. Seal frequently. Low acid resistance.



soapstone

Name: Black venata (Brazil)
Price: \$25* per sq. ft.; soapstones.com
Highlights: Dense and acid-resistant. No sealing required; can be treated with mineral oil to darken color. DIYers can cut it with woodworking tools. Soft and easy to scratch; buff scratches out with an abrasive pad.

