


GUIDE TO STONE 101

A quick reference guide on the most popular materials used in countertop fabrication.



Quartz	Granite	Marble	Soapstone	Quartzite	Porcelain	Sintered Material	Exotics (Gemstones)
							
Material Origin							
Engineered	Natural	Natural	Natural	Natural	Engineered	Engineered	Natural
Material Hardness							
High	High	Moderate	Low	Very High	High	High	Varies by Stone
Ideal Application(s)							
Kitchens, Bathrooms, Indoors	Kitchens, Bathrooms, Outdoors	Bathrooms, Decorative	Kitchens, Fireplaces, Rustic	Kitchens, Bathrooms, Outdoors	Kitchens, Bathrooms, Outdoors	Kitchens, Bathrooms, Decorative, Outdoors	Luxury, High-End
Durability							
High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Very High	High	High	Moderate
Heat Resistant							
Low	High	Moderate	High	High	High	High	Moderate
UV Resistant (Outdoors)							
No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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