

Is marble or granite the best type of stone for kitchen countertops?

Q. I am building a new house and would like to use some type of stone for my kitchen countertops. Is marble or granite best?

A. The short answer is granite. It is the most popular and is perhaps the best overall choice. However, both marble and granite can be used for kitchen countertops and each has its advantages and disadvantages. Marble is available in an unlimited number of colors. Unfortunately, it scratches very easily and is sensitive to acids --it will etch when acids come in contact with it. Granite, on the other hand, is very scratch resistant and will hold up well against damage from cutting on it. However, granite can be very porous and if you are doing a lot of cooking with hot oil, it can stain easily. Granite can be effectively protected against staining if you seal it with a good quality stone sealer. Discuss the pros and cons with your professional stone and tile restoration contractor to find the option that best fits your needs. If you don't yet have a PRO, [contact us](#).

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