

## QUARTZITE DISCLAIMER

Quartzite is a metamorphic rock that's formed when sandstone-based rock is morphed from sand to glassy crystalline with heat and pressure. The crystalline structure creates a more brittle stone that is stabilized by resins. Granite, on the other hand, is formed via volcanic processes and is stable enough in slab form to not need impregnation of resins. Resins are natural or synthetic compounds generally originating from tree or plant sap. In the past, some stone slabs were rejected at the quarry because of brittleness. Resins can turn these previously unsellable stones into marketable slabs. This is one reason why quartzite has recently become popular.

**Quartzite is susceptible to etching and staining** because in slab preparation, resins are infused into the slab to enhance slab stability and make it shine. The infusion is done before the slab gets to the distributor/fabricator and **is not a "local" treatment**. When acidic liquids such as wine, tomatoes, citrus, etc. aren't wiped up immediately, you can be left with a ghosted etch mark. Etching can also occur when cleaners that contain hydrofluoric acid are used. Etching is especially apparent on light/white colored quartzite, but the **dulling appearance of etching will be visible on any colored quartzite**.

Depending on how tightly the minerals are bonded together during the mineral metamorphic process, quartzite can be porous and prone to staining. **It is advised to seal your quartzite countertops at least annually**.

It is typical for quartzite slabs to contain **natural fissures** which can widen during fabrication and installation. The fissures are noticeable to the eye and to the touch. Some fissures may have been filled prior to getting to the distributor/fabricator, and some can be filled by the fabricator during the fabrication and installation processes. It may even be possible for new fissures to occur after the countertops are in place. The characteristic is inherent in the nature of the product and is not to be considered a latent defect. Any repair work needed on the material selected by the homeowner/builder will be available at an additional charge.

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## QUARTZITE COUNTERTOPS: CARE & INFORMATION



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## HOW TO PROPERLY CARE FOR YOUR TOPS

Quartzite countertops are a stunning natural stone material that will bring your design to the next level. Its authenticity will create a one-of-a-kind look, as no two slabs are the same. Mother nature's unique artwork is displayed in these untouched pieces.

### 1. CLEAN UP SPILLS IMMEDIATELY

Especially oily and acidic foods like tomato sauce, wine, coffee, fruit juice, and soda.

### 2. USE NATURAL STONE CLEANERS

Products specifically made for cleaning natural stone are recommended. If stone cleaners are not available, use a damp sponge with warm water and mild soap.

### 3. USE HOT PADS OR TRIVETS

Do not place hot pots and pans directly on your countertop. Use hot pads, coasters or placemats for food and drinks.

### 4. USE A CUTTING BOARD

Using a knife directly on your countertops can possibly affect the coverage of the sealer and damage the knife.

### 5. RESEAL YOUR QUARTZITE COUNTERTOPS

Because quartzite is a naturally porous stone, it is recommended to reseal your tops to help prevent staining.

BEFORE



AFTER

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

It's important to care for your quartzite countertops to ensure everlasting beauty. Use these tips on a daily basis to keep your natural stone surfaces in tip-top shape.

- Clean with a mild soap and warm water. Do not disinfect with abrasive cleaners, Windex, or Dawn.
- Wipe after each use. Do not leave acidic spills behind.
- Use drink coasters, cutting boards, trivets, and cooling racks. Do not cut directly on your surface.

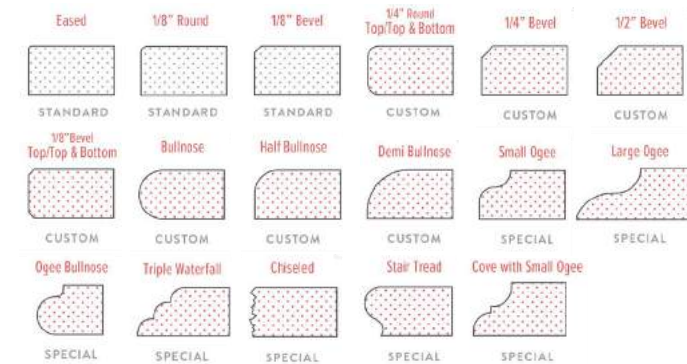


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## EDGE PROFILES

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### 3CM



### 6CM

