

Comparison Checklist

Unsure which surface is best for your home? Use the Preferred Surfaces comparison checklist to learn more about granite, marble, quartz and solid surfaces.

GRANITE	MARBLE	QUARTZ	SOLID SURFACE
<p>Granite is a durable igneous rock with at least 20% quartz and up to 65% feldspar</p>	<p>Marble is a metamorphic rock composed most commonly of calcite or dolomite</p>	<p>Quartz is crafted from ground quartz with polyester resins to bind it and pigments for color</p>	<p>Solid Surface, first manufactured under the brand name Corian, is composed of acrylic and polyester</p>
<p>Stunning natural patterns and a wide variety of colors make each piece of granite unique</p>	<p>Marble is most commonly white; however, it can be found in black, pink, grey and green</p>	<p>Quartz offers a variety of color choices with varying styles and patterns</p>	<p>As solid surfacing is man-made, there are numerous colors — both solid and with subtle patterning.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Resistant to heat · Resistant to scratching · Requires period sealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More fragile than Granite · Porous material is especially prone to stains · Not recommended for high use applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Non-porous surface makes Quartz highly stain resistant · Does not resist impact as well as Granite · Prolonged exposure to high heat can cause damage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Non-porous and highly stain resistant · Scratches and cracks can be repaired · Can be damaged by high heat · Can crack under blunt force
			

