

## **Arts marble and granite: benefits of hiring a custom-design stone store for your kitchen**

Having trouble choosing your custom-design stone store? Surely, renovating any kitchen is no easy task nor is it the cheapest. It involves choosing the right materials and tools; designing the layout and placement of appliances and utensils; optimizing and making better use of space; working through any potential issues with plumbing, electrical and with the initial physical structure of the place.

Just from that, it is clearly evident the need to hire specialized personnel, since a single small or unadvised mistake can prove fatal in these cases. In this context, a professional crew has the expertise to bring your vision to life and to coordinate all of the work's various components to get the job done.

A professional or a team of professionals dedicate their lives to knowing even the smallest details about construction and design that you may think you've got figured out, but trust us, you don't. And it doesn't stop there: the furniture's structural integrity and the kitchen's finishings bear as much importance as its foundation and construction.

Especially when it comes to islands, countertops, and backsplashes you must let them be handled by a top custom-design stone store, like [Arts marble and granite](#), to avoid wasting time and money. Mostly, because stones are extremely heavy to manage and almost impossible to cut without proper professional equipment.

But additionally because if you plan to add custom stone pieces to your kitchen, there's much to consider, such as the type of stone (most likely it will be marble, [granite, or quartz](#)), hues and patterns, sink design, edge details. All of which can't be selected without professional guidance. Take a look at the benefits below of hiring a custom design stone store to help you with your project!

### **<h2> Selecting between different types of stones </h2>**

Do you know the main differences between the most popular stones: marble, granite, or quartz? Obviously, who better to explain it in-depth than a custom design stone store?

Both granite and quartz are affordable (as opposed to marble, for example), easy to clean, waterproof, have beautiful patterns and greater durability than other materials, such as wood and tile. However, the parameters of the different sealing

processes for each stone only a qualified professional can tell you. And, this mere information has a direct implication in the objective of your project and in the daily use of the countertop.

For instance, there are different subtypes of granite and certain polymers applied to quartz to give that lustrous impenetrable appearance. Quartz is a manufactured composite made of crushed crystals whereas granite is an all natural stone. Therefore, granite is more porous which makes it easier to stain, to scratch, to crack and harder to clean.

On the other hand, although more durable, when quartz fractures it is much more difficult to repair than granite. So, all of this variables are compared with much more expertise by a custom-design stone store in order to deliver the best pieces at the lower cost possible.

## **<h2> Choosing the perfect sink for your kitchen </h2>**

Tell us the truth: do you even know how many types of sinks there are? How, then, can you possibly know what sink is a better fit for your own needs without any expert help? And which looks best against your custom stone countertop?

Right off the bat, there are more than a dozen types of kitchen sinks. Let's check some of them out:

- **Farmhouse sink:** also known as an apron sink because it extends over the edge of the whole counter, not just the countertop. Usually made of rustic materials, like fireclay, cast iron, the farmhouse is one of the most durable sinks in the market today and it is big enough (it can be even bigger with a double basin) for an entire family. It needs a custom-design stone store professional installation, seeing as a large portion of the counter has to be cut for it to fit inside.
- **Undermount sink:** it is located under the countertop, leaving a rim on the front like the more common sinks. It should be made of lighter materials, like stainless steel, as it is glued to the underside of the counter. So it is not recommended for heavy use or many dishes and it must be installed by a highly skilled team, in order to achieve greater longevity.

Stainless steel is a practical and light material for any type of sink and a very popular choice, but a noisy one at that. Meanwhile is more durable and heat resistant too.

- Kitchen sink with drainboard: more eco-friendly than others, kitchen sinks with drainboards are functional, better to prepare meals which is great for restaurants and a busy home kitchen. However, it requires a lot of counter space. So, once again, it is important to listen to an expert's opinion.

Additionally, there are different styles of sink for you to choose from, like: single bowl; double bowl; deep; shallow; round; corner; square; rectangle or elongated tub. And all of these are just examples to show how many options there are.

As a matter of fact, all of this information is a lot to digest by itself, imagine when associated with the different types, cuts and sealing process of the stones. Talk about TMI to decide alone. And it's not over yet!

## **<h2> To help you decide if the separate components look good together </h2>**

Another benefit of hiring a custom design for your kitchen is to ensure that all of the pieces that look great apart also look good when put together. Only an experienced eye is capable of assembling the pieces of this puzzle.

In terms of stone pattern choosing, the designer will be able to coordinate the Holy Trinity of the right color scheme: flooring, cabinetry and countertops. As we've mentioned before the design can go one of two ways: a contrasting and youthful color palette, with a mix of light and dark shades or ton sur ton, for that more elegant and sophisticated look.

But this can mean an infinite variety of tones and juxtapositions. For instance, do nature green and dark brown go well together or have a modern feel to them? You may think they do not, but, in fact, they do work beautifully together! And if they do, what is the best countertop material and pattern to highlight the kitchen colors?

This and all other questions only a highly skilled professional can answer in a timely and accurate way.

## **<h2> What about the cost of hiring a custom-design stone store: is it too expensive? </h2>**

This is a question for the ages. Undoubtedly, many people ponder over the price of hiring a team of designers and how to fit into a tighter budget.

Now, it would be false advertising to say that it's inexpensive. It's not but it most definitely is a matter of waste. Statistics show that adding up all the time and money a person might lose researching how to do it, "learning" how to do it, buying

the wrong materials and equipment, most of the time, and hiring cheap and unskilled manpower, they could carry out not just one custom project but two!

So, before you make a hasty decision of venturing on your own, make a [personalized estimate](#) with one of our experts and take a look at our payment options. It is free and it can save you from so much trouble down the line.

The [Arts Marble and Granite](#) is a custom-design stone store responsible for over five hundred projects to date. Throughout 17 years in the natural and synthetic stone slab market, we've proven that our biggest interest is your satisfaction. Just take a look at our reviews and feedbacks!

Finally, we also have our own quartz, granite, marble and soapstone manufacturing and installation production line which makes it easier to customize every design. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make your dream kitchen come true and contact us today. We are looking forward to hearing from you!