

Natural Quartzite durability, care and maintenance

Quartzite is an increasingly popular choice among homeowners and interior designers. Its sophisticated good looks combined with crystalline sparkle, durability, earth-toned colors and stylish appearance make it a top trend contender for everything from kitchen countertops to feature walls. Quartzite is a natural stone. People often get quartz and quartzite mixed up, but despite the similarity in names, the two are quite different. Quartz refers to a manmade material created by combining crushed stone with color and resin to make an engineered slab. Quartzite is a naturally occurring metamorphic rock that starts out as sandstone and evolves over time under intense heat and pressure. It is quarried and then cut into slabs to be used for applications like countertops, flooring, wall coverings, vanity tops and stair steps.

Quartzite is a naturally strong and very durable stone which is relatively heat resistant. One of the main benefits of quartzite is that many of the varieties have a similar look to marble, but require much less maintenance, so it can be a good option for consumers who would like marble countertops but want something sturdier.

Quartzite is not indestructible and should be sealed to help protect the surface from etching and stains. Sealing should be carried out by the installer when the quartzite is first installed, and should be re-applied periodically after that, approximately once per year (home application products are available for this). As with all-natural stone surfaces, spills should be wiped up as soon as possible and we recommend the use of a trivet for hot pots and pans.