# Estimate the Cost of Granite Countertops and Extra Charges That Apply

Granite has become one of the most popular stones for kitchen design and remodeling. The natural stone comes in a numerous selection of colors and designs, as well as being a very strong building material. Granite has a high hardness ranking, very resistant to scratches, stains and heat, and incredibly easy to maintain. With all these benefits, granites popularity is well-deserved.

When estimating the cost for granite countertops, it will save you money in the long run to know what you are looking for and how big your project will be.

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# Cost of Granite Countertops by Sq. Ft.

The price of granite countertops will vary depending on a multitude of factors: size of countertop, edging, finish, and complexity of your project. On average, granite countertops range from \$35 to \$100 per sq. ft. Cheaper priced granite does not always translate to lower quality, but simply the price for the designs and availability. The higher the price, the more desirable it is and often in a higher demand. By using our <u>free</u> estimator tool you can find what you might be paying for your countertops.

## **Granite Countertops Cost Specifications**

As previously mentioned, calculating granite countertop pricing changes depending on the type of project being performed and what you are looking for.

**Quantity**: The more granite you need to make for your countertops, the higher the cost will be to have it fabricated and installed.

**Finish**: A finish is what gives the stone that bright shine. Distinct types of finishes can be different priced, adding to your total.

**Design**: Granite has a large assortment of designs, colors and options. Granite colors that are in higher demand will often be at a higher price.

**Rarity:** Depending on where the stone was quarried, it could affect what it will cost you. Granite quarried from one location will be more expensive than stones quarried from multiple locations due to its ease of availability.

# **Choosing the Right Granite for Your Countertops**

When choosing the right granite for your countertops, start with knowing what theme you want to display in your kitchen. Do you want to have a more modern theme? Then darker colors that fit a more natural-outdoors theme would be preferrable. Do you want a minimalist look? Then white and black granite would be more aesthetically pleasing. Remember that it is your kitchen, so you need a granite that makes you feel good and confident while preparing food on it. There is no need to rush choosing which type of granite you want. Take your time and browse through our selection of granite countertops to see which design resonates with you.

## **Popular Granite Countertop Colors**

Popularity with granite countertops is often decided by multiple people seeking to fit a new theme for their kitchen or bathroom. Some of the most admired granite patterns of countertops available on our website are:

## Giallo Ornamental

Giallo Ornamental granite is a lovely, speckled granite quarried from Brazil. The natural brown and grey colors complement each other to make it pop in any room. It fits very well for interior designs that want to have a nature feel or an accent piece to add some color to a room.

### Black Galaxy

By simply looking at this granite, you can easily feel the emptiness of space with twinkles of stars in the sky. Black galaxy naturally mimics the endless void of space within your kitchen. With the black base stone, it can fit any theme for interior design. However, due to its higher popularity, it can cost a little more to install.

#### River White

River White is a simpler and natural feel that allows it to accent well with a calming space for the kitchen or bathroom. The light tones of red, white, and grey interlaced between each other is reminiscent of a small, shallow river running over smooth stones. River White is always a popular possibility and less expensive than Black Galaxy or other higher demand options.

# **Supplemental Costs for Granite Countertops**

Once you have chosen the type of granite you are looking for, you will need to be aware of supplemental costs outside of the actual fabrication and installation.

- **Cutouts**: Typically, kitchens need a sink cutout with a faucet hole. Some kitchens have multiple sinks which require more cutouts, which will be extra charges.
- Location: Depending on where you are located, the price of labor will increase. Transporting granite slabs and tiles to a location farther away from the fabricator will cost you more compared to someone

living closer.

- **Region**: Based on your state and area, prices will change. Similar to how gas prices vary in different states and areas, granite countertops follows a similar pattern.
- Edging: Stone countertops have a variety of different edging options. Popular edges like Straight and Rounded are cost effective, look good and easily fit within a budget. Premium edges like Ogee or Cove Ogee require more precision, adding up to a higher cost total. Seeing the different edges in our Edge Visualizer Tool can help you better understand the complexity of their designs.
- **Complexity**: Bigger and more difficult jobs will require more time to install and shape the material to your liking. Simpler jobs like countertop changes may not cost as much as a full kitchen redesign.
- **Backsplash**: New countertops often require a new backsplash as well. Getting the backsplash done would be a separate charge as it required the countertops to finish installation first before adding a new backsplash.
- Old Countertop Removal & Disposal: Most companies will charge you to remove the old countertops and dispose of the excess material. This price varies as well since it is dependent on the square footage amount being removed.

There is always a lot to consider when estimating the cost for granite countertops. It can seem intimidating at first, but by following our guidelines and using our online tools, we can help simplify the process. If you know what you want, we are more than happy to provide.