

How to Match Granite Countertops with Cabinets

Imagine yourself walking into a kitchen, what is one of the first things you notice? Are you looking down at the floor? Are you staring up toward the ceiling or maybe some windows for sunlight? Perhaps you are taking in everything to notice the gentle blending of colors and designs on display.

Wherever you are looking, you will always be seeing the cabinets or countertops in your main view. Kitchen countertops and cabinets are the pairs that immediately set the tone for what you want a kitchen to look and feel like.

[Granite stone countertops](#) are one of the trending stone materials on the market for kitchen design due to their large variety of colors and patterns, as well as having exemplary durability and reliability. But cabinets are a bit trickier to design for. What types of cabinets go with granite countertops? What color should you choose? How would I know what types of granite and cabinets look good together?

Not to fret because all those questions and more will be answered by the time you finish reading this article.

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Basics of Granite Countertops

We can sing the praises of granite stone for an entire article. Granite is resilient, durable, easy to maintain, and one of the few natural stones which can be good for indoor or outdoor use.

For better context, natural stone is rated on the Mohs hardness scale to determine how hard the stone is. Granite has an excellent hardness of ranking 8 out of 10. This means granite is hard enough to withstand most damage from wear, tear, and widespread use at home.

The only minor flaw that can be made with granite would be that it is porous and needs to be sealed. But that is less of a weakness and more of a broad quality of natural stone as marble, quartzite, onyx, and other stones are just as or more porous. [In comparison](#), granite is much harder than other stones and it is a clear favorite with homeowners in regard to overall practicality.

Colors of Granite

What color do you want your cabinets to look like? A simple question on the surface but has multiple layers of meaning when you really think and understand what each color truly means for interior design.

As granite comes in multiple colors and patterns, we will go over the most popular colors for granite.

White

White granite stones like [Sea Pearl](#) and [River White](#) are associated with simplicity, peace, open space, and a clean environment. They are excellent for homes that want to present a sterile or clean space the moment you look in.

Black

Black granite like [Black Galaxy](#) and [Atlantic Black](#) are associated with elegance, formality, power, and depth. Black granite is perfect to provide negative space, allowing other objects like cabinets, backsplash, or other focal points to capture your attention.

Gray

Gray granite like [Aspen White](#) and [Costa Esmeralda](#) are associated with neutrality, sophistication, urbanization, and practicality. Gray granite stone has been increasing in popularity as homeowners are looking for colors that feel like they are living in the city or look like urban concrete.

Beige

Beige granite like [Astoria](#) and [Bianco Romano](#) are associated with warmth, love, peace, and calm. Beige granite is great for homes that want to make their kitchens feel loving and lived in space. An area where you feel safe and comfortable, providing you with warm feelings like going on vacation to visit grandma and grampa in the country.

Blue

Blue granite like [Van Gogh](#) and [Blue Bahia](#) are more complex. Blue granite stones are typically not one uniform color, but a combination of other colors drawn together for delightful pieces of artwork for all to see.

Red

Red granite like [Colombo Gold](#) and [Sunset Red](#) are associated with passion, earth, strength, energy, and intensity. Red and brown granite can look very similar to each other and work best when incorporated in a room with earthy tones and atmosphere.

Textures of Cabinets

Cabinets are much easier to understand because they do not have as many color options. This is primarily due to the materials of what cabinets are made from. While cabinets can be painted or designed to have different colors, custom designs will be extremely expensive. It is more practical to research colors readily available to see which resonates with you best.

That being said, there is no exact way to style a kitchen. If you like something that fits what you want, you can always choose that option because it is what you like.

Wood

No matter where you go, wooden cabinets will be the go-to choice for many interior design styles. The multiple shades and types of wood available for cabinets include oak, maple, cherry, birch, pine, plywood, or engineered wood.

Laminate

Laminate cabinets are an excellent alternative to natural wood or heavy steel. Laminate cabinets are made from synthetic materials and can be more easily customized with assorted colors, shades, and designs.

Stainless Steel

Stainless steel cabinets are sleek, shiny, and perfect for kitchens looking to modernize and embrace the metallic colors of the future. They are durable, resistant to heat and moisture, and meld together with black, white, or gray granite.

Understanding a Focal Point

Before you enter your kitchen, where is your eye drawn to? What do you want to see when you first enter the kitchen?

A focal point is a fantastic way to emphasize a single detail. This detail can be the cabinets, countertops, floor, a decorative flower, vase, painting, or anything else you can imagine.

The best kitchen focal points know how to utilize the cabinets and countertops to accentuate the surrounding to make the centerpiece feel at the center of the room. For instance, having dark colored cabinets with black or white stone granite will provide a clear space around a colorful vase resting on the countertop.

Pick Complementary Colors

Honestly, the most fun part of designing your home is finding the colors that match well together and finding how to blend them together. Picking complementary colors is an effective way to customize your kitchen or bathroom to feel like an extension of yourself. While you can choose between any colors you like, there are different methods common methods of color theory to help decide what colors best work together.

Primary Colors are the colors that cannot be recreated like yellow, red, and blue.

Secondary colors are formed when combining 2 of the primary colors like green, purple, and orange.

Then by combining primary and secondary colors together, you get the full spectrum of colors which eventually lead to black which is every color fused together, or white which is the absence of every color.

Monochromatic Colors

Monochromatic colors are singular colors. It is easy to remember since mono means one. For example, white granite countertops will look good with white cabinets. Even if they are different shades, the colors are still similar enough that they will combine together to feel like a single room.

Monochromatic colors can work with every color, red granite and red oak cabinets, black granite and black laminate cabinets, gray granite with stainless steel cabinets, etc.

Opposite Colors

Colors on the opposite sides of the color wheel or spectrum are some of the most popular color combinations for design. The most recognizable complementary colors are red and blue or black and white. While both colors look great on their own, combining them together makes an aesthetically pleasing clash of opposition.

Try applying black granite countertops with white wood or laminate cabinets. This style is widely used in minimalist and modern interior design schemes because they create a clear separation of sections while providing proper space for both objects to shine.

While you are shopping for granite and cabinets, take note of what colors you like and see how they would blend well together.

Visualizer Room Designers

If imagining and writing notes down is too difficult, use a room visualizer to do the work for you. [Online room visualizers](#) are designed by professional interior designers and created specifically for homeowners to design a room with assorted colors, textures, and elements available. Room visualizers basically allow you to act like a professional interior designer, without schooling.

Our room visualizers can easily show you what types of granite you are interested in and match it up with all types of cabinet textures and colors. Once you have settled on the granite and cabinet combination you like, save the image to your desktop, and show it to your contractor or renovator to help make it a reality.

Find Inspiration Online

Choosing what colors, textures, and ideas can be difficult when there are so many options to sort through. One of the best pieces of advice we can give would be to look online and see what other kitchens or bathrooms do with their granite countertops and cabinets. Save some photos or images of rooms you like and see what those rooms have which you can add into yours. The internet is a wonderful place where interior designers love sharing their work with others online. See what they have to offer and see what resonates with you.

Conclusion

You do not have to feel alone trying to find the perfect combination of granite countertops with cabinets. There are hundreds of resources online where you can gather information, get inspired, and find ways for you to make your kitchen or bathroom feel like an extension of yourself.

Use room visualizers, talk to our experts, ask some friends and family who had their rooms done to see what they like. Our experts speak with hundreds of clients every day on pairing granite stone with cabinets, flooring, backsplash, and other room elements. Be open to asking for help if you need to allow your creative mind to flow so you can design a room you feel proud of making.