

How to Pick a Backsplash with Granite Countertops

How does someone pick a backsplash with [granite countertops](#)? Do they focus on color? Should they decide what styles of backsplash there are? Should they focus on the granite more and fill in the backsplash with leftover pieces?

There are a lot of questions to consider when choosing a backsplash. While it is not actively seen or used in the kitchen or bathroom, it is an important piece of the home which serves a vital role.

We can help you answer these questions and help you find what backsplash goes well with your granite countertops.

What is a Backsplash

Important question, do you know what a backsplash is? Do you know what it does? Do you know why your contractor was asking you about it so much as if they were hinting it could be important for your home?

To answer simply, a backsplash is a panel that sits behind a sink or stove to protect the walls from damage. Backsplashes are used to stop grease, water, stains, and other gunk from splashing onto the walls to create stains and messes. They also protect your stove or sink from insects trying to burrow through the wall to reach your food.

Aesthetically speaking, a backsplash is the pivotal accent piece to a room. Depending on the color, style, or design, it can enhance a countertop, provide empty space for clear separation, or a colorful highlight to the room, or a little splash of color to set a mood. A backsplash is one of the most customizable spaces in the kitchen and bathroom and it is important to carefully consider what purpose it will serve.

Granite Stone Countertops

Choosing a backsplash is important, but what you really want to start with are the granite countertops. This stone will be the key factor in deciding what type of backsplash you want for your home.

Granite is one of our favorite and most popular stones we sell. Their wide assortment of colors, extreme durability, and consistent reliability makes them strong enough for every home.

Choosing Granite Stone

For those who have the type of granite they already want, great! The first part is already completed. For those who are still unsure, this is the time to sort through the different types of granite stone available and see which one you want for your countertop. To better help you sift through the numerous options, the following colors are typically seen as the most chosen options. That does not mean you have to choose them, but help you understand what you may like.

White

[White granite](#) stone will not be your typical all white stone with slight veining like marble. Granite white stone is a colorful array of speckles, veins, and layers upon a white stone to create beautiful forms that feel like a part of the Earth. White granite is typically never so strong to visually overpower you with sensations or bright colors, but subtly catches your attention and keeps your gaze on the dozens of patterns that develop once you are fixated.

Black

[Black granite](#) stones will capture your attention and tantalize your imagination with their empty dark base coloring with small speckles and designs melding together. While each black stone has different shades and colors, they all provide a sense of closeness and depth to let the viewer wonder which layer is more prominent. Perhaps the white, beige and blues are trying to break through the dark base stone, or the black is trying to consume the cacophony of colors into itself. In either situation, anyone who can see the black stone granite can hypnotize you to think the stone is alive and moving.

Gray

[Gray granite](#) stones have been increasing in popularity with the interior design trend of having gray or concrete looking stones in the home for an urban aesthetic. While gray granite is not a uniform gray stone, it has the elegant combination of combining the black and white aspects of granite together. Gray granite can feel like the stone is moving thanks to its many veins and swirls, as well as allow you to create your own designs in its speckles to entice the imagination.

Beige

If you want to have a warm, homely, and an earthy feel to your home, then beige granite is the perfect choice. [Beige granite](#) stone is not as strong as black granite and has just enough color to make you feel like you are in a comfortable and loving space. Beige naturally resonates with people who want to feel calm and relaxed, which is why it is heavily used in spas and relaxation rooms. With gentle colors flowing through the stone, beige granite will always provide you with a safe and creative place for you to return.

Exotic

While black, white, grey, and beige granite stones are all excellent and lovely options, there are always more exotic styles for those with a truly creative and exciting personality. These colors immediately grab your audience and stimulate feelings from deep within which explode onto the stone. Blue and red stones are packed with enthusiastic veins and tones that each inch of the slab could be a masterful work of art.

Choosing a Backsplash

When choosing a backsplash, there are several methods you can use to determine what will look best with your chosen granite countertops.

Same Material

Pairing the same material for your granite countertop and backsplash is by far the easiest option. For instance, you decide to choose [Oxford White granite](#) for your countertop. Then you would use Oxford White granite stone for your backsplash as well. It does not get much simpler than using the same material for the countertop as the backsplash.

Similar Colors

It is always possible to merge similar colors together for a lovely new design and layout. Instead of using 1 type of stone for everything, you can choose different shades of similar colors for a pleasant variety. Colors have multiple shades, designs, and patterns, so mixing them together can be really fun and will make your kitchen or bathroom stand out among others for its unique design.

Opposite Colors

Opposing colors are aesthetically pleasing, especially for rooms that want simple separation of spacing. Colors like black and white or red and blue are often paired together because they each highlight the other, despite being on opposite ends of the color spectrum.

Decorative Tiles

A backsplash has the advantage of being easily customizable with less expensive tiles. [Tiles](#) are easy to install, can be hand painted or modified to fit any style you wish. Tiles can take the forms of subway lines, squares, mosaic pieces, rectangles, hexagons, diagonals, and much more.

Other Stones

Do not think you need to limit yourself to just granite stone or tiles for a backsplash. Other stones like marble, quartz, quartzite, and slate are great options for backsplash material. Each option is capable of serving as your backsplash, and each one has moderate to excellent levels of durability. If there is another stone you want to incorporate, ask the contractor to see if they can get you another stone to spice things up.

Know Your Style

The biggest thing you should know is what style you are interested in for your home. Do you want something simple, elegant, and easy on the eyes, choose white or black granite with a matching backsplash.

Do you want your granite countertops to be the focal point with your backsplash serving as an accent piece, then have a bold color countertop with a plain black backsplash so your countertops will pop out.

Perhaps you would like the countertop and backsplash to meld together so it feels like the countertop is stretching up to the ceiling, then have your countertop and backsplash be the same material and color.

What looks good is always subjective to the individual. What one person likes and things are beautiful, may not be as appealing to someone else. Someone who loves a Minimalist kitchen will not enjoy a Mid-Century style kitchen. It does not mean one is better than the other, it is just a different preference.

Learn what style you want so you can apply it to your backsplash, so it fits the room scheme.

Room Visualizers

A wonderful way of experimenting with granite and backsplash colors is by using an [online room visualizer](#). These online programs are capable of allowing homeowners and contractors to design kitchens, bathrooms, living rooms, and more with just a click of a button. By selecting the countertop, you can sort through the different types of granite to have a visual understanding of what the stone will look like when it is installed. The same is equally true for a backsplash, allowing you to change between unique styles and colors until you find one you love. Once you have made your choice, save the option on your desktop, and show it to your contractor so they can provide you with what you want.

Conclusion

Pairing a backsplash with granite countertops is not that difficult when you take it one piece at a time. Instead of looking at it as a whole image, look at each section and see what you want and see how it resonates with you. Start with the countertops. Then see if you want something similar for your backsplash. Look up other rooms online and use visualizers to see if it looks like something you want. If not, keep exploring. It is your room you are designing, take your time to make sure it feels like what you desire.