

# Ideas for Adding Onyx to Your Home

Onyx is a rare and a valuable stone. Due to its rarity, it is one of the more expensive stones in the natural stone industry, but the stunning features and incomparable style create a space that will stand apart from the average home. The variety of contrasting colors, rich layers, and veining are formed in the earth over a course of thousands of years. Each piece of onyx is an individual work of art.

The rich and striking beauty of Onyx has been appreciated by civilizations throughout human history. Ancient Greeks and Egyptians used this stone for carvings and jewelry. Today, onyx symbolizes extravagant luxury in modern interior design. Onyx can be backlit, due to the translucency of the stone. Backlit onyx creates a dramatic impact while becoming the focal point of the room.

[Honey Onyx](#) vanity top in a beautiful bathroom

## Elevate Interior Design with Onyx

Onyx's contrasting colors and fantastic patterns are absolutely fabulous in many areas of the home. People are using onyx for decorative wall panels, kitchen countertops, bathroom vanity tops, backsplashes, a butler's pantry countertop, floor and wall tiles, and even modern sinks and toilets are made of onyx.

Mix onyx with other materials for spectacular ultra-modern interior design. This exquisite natural stone works well with wood, steel, glass, and concrete. The effect is particularly striking when onyx features are combined with a very dark wood. The contrast emphasizes the natural beauty of the stone. For this reason, onyx elements are often incorporated into monochromatic designs, creating a stunning backdrop.

The one-of-a-kind beauty of this stone brings luxury style to bathroom and kitchen design. The white stone colors and other stunning color combinations in stripes and curved patterns create a distinctive architectural element. [White onyx](#), for example, is perfect for decorative wall panels, bookmatched wall coverings, and backsplashes. Illuminate the backsplash or feature wall with small lights for an extraordinary focal point.

The [Marmo Blue onyx](#) countertop is stunning in this kitchen

## Best in Low Traffic Areas

If onyx is used for kitchen countertops or bathroom vanity tops, it should be limited to low traffic areas. The softness of this stone is better suited for a butler's pantry, less frequently used bathrooms, fireplace surrounds, or bathtub surrounds, where the delicate stone is less likely to be damaged. In active, busy kitchens, onyx is best used in lower traffic areas of the room, such as the backsplash. A white onyx backsplash paired with black or dark wood cabinets and stainless steel appliances will make an impressive statement.

In the natural stone industry, onyx is still used for kitchen countertops for its distinctive appearance and unmatched luxury style. However, it is essential to be aware that onyx is fragile and extra care is required, compared to other types of stone. This delicate stone does not hold up well to the activities in a high traffic kitchen. Common activities, such as cutting up vegetables or moving pots and pans can easily scratch or chip the surface of the counter.

In addition, onyx can become etched with acidic liquids, such as tomato sauce, wine, or lemon juice. Also, it is important to use a cutting board rather than cutting foods directly on the counter. Proper care and maintenance is required. The stone will need to be sealed frequently and cleaned with special stone cleaner to avoid causing damage. One of the best natural stone cleaners that we recommend is [Mr.Stone's AGM Daily countertop cleaner](#).

We at SlabMarket offer access to the most exquisite and sought-after types of stone in the natural stone industry. Although onyx is not as popular as granite and marble, stone fabricators are wise to keep onyx on hand to meet the needs of homeowners interested in creating a dynamic design element in their homes. Onyx works well as a bathroom surround, butler's pantry counter, and fireplace surround and will instantly make your room feel luxurious. Add a few white onyx slabs to your container to satisfy even the most discerning customers.