

# Understanding Marble Countertops Cost

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Kitchen renovations can be intimidating, mostly due to the cost, which can average anywhere between \$10,000-\$30,000. Sure, there are more frugal options, but if a homeowner chooses not to go with the cheapest materials available, they're likely going to spend some serious cash to upgrade their kitchen.

One of the biggest cost contributors can be kitchen countertops, particularly natural stone countertops like marble, and you can determine their price using our [countertop estimator](#) tool. Known for its slab-to-slab uniqueness and overall durability, marble is a wonderful natural stone option for countertops. Considering the long term value of marble countertops, if regularly maintained, the investment is typically worth it.

## How Much Do Marble Countertops Cost?

Different types of marble vary in cost. Let's explore the cost of a few varieties of marble.

### Common Marbles

The cost of marble can vary widely, as the rarity of certain slabs can drive up their market price. Additionally, more unique colors, patterns, or veining can also account for a more expensive cut of marble.

Nevertheless, there is a large variety of moderately priced marbles that will be within the budget of most homeowners looking to upgrade their countertops to natural stone.

### Carrara Marble

One of the most commonly purchased marbles, [Carrara](#) is a white-to-blue-grey Italian marble that has been utilized during and after the Roman Empire. Its affordability and classic marble look is a major reason for its popularity. The range of cost varies between \$45-55 per sq. ft, and that is inclusive of labor and fabrication costs.

### Crema Marfil Marble

Cut from the mountain quarries in and around Pinoso, Spain, Crema Marfil is a warmer variety of marble, with beige-yellowish coloring and unique veining. While it is a subtler marble, its color works to instill a sense of comfort to any space it's installed in. Slightly more expensive than Carrara, [Crema Marfil marble](#) runs from anywhere to \$55-\$65 per sq. ft.

# Bianco Venato Marble

A cousin of Carrara marble, [Bianco Venato](#) is also quarried in the Massa and Carrara province of Tuscany, Italy. While it's a white marble with grey and black veining, its veining differs from traditional Carrara marbles as its veins are more irregular and less uniform. This quality makes it one of the pricier standard marbles, but still nothing that breaks the bank, coming in at around \$55-\$75 per sq. ft.

## Premium Marbles

Like all commodities, [marble countertops](#) come in a wide range of varieties, some more common or rarer than others. If you're looking to upgrade your countertops in a manner that elevates the entire feel of the room, then exploring some premium marble options makes sense.

Now an important thing to note is that due to the rarity and limited sourcing of some of these marbles, prices fluctuate year-to-year. Just keep that in mind when reading, the below estimated price ranges because they are likely to change depending on market variables.

## Calacatta Borghini

Among one of the most famous marbles, Calacatta Borghini is slab with an often rich white background and pronounced grey veins flowing across the stone. Quarried out of one particular quarry in the Carrara province of Italy, Calacatta Borghini is the epitome of what people think of when they think of Italian marble. Calacatta marble, pulled from the Borghini quarry, come in different variations, some rarer than the others. Nevertheless, [Calacatta Borghini marble](#) is one of the most common premium marbles on the market. Prices are typically around the \$180 per sq. foot mark.

## Calacatta Extra

As its name suggests, this is another Calacatta marble, but with a little bit more going on. Similar to Calacatta Borghini with its rich white background and beautiful grey veins, [Calacatta Extra marble](#) is differentiated by the quality of the white background. Richer and whiter than regular Calacatta Borghini, Calacatta Extra has an extra little oomph to it. Expect market prices to be slightly higher than that of Calacatta Borghini.

## Portoro Genuine Extra

If Calacatta marble is the epitome of Italian marble, then [Portoro Genuine Extra marble](#) is the renegade of Italian marble. Black with gold and white veining, PGE is one of the rarest Italian marbles and easily one of the most striking and awe-inspiring to look at. Due to its rarity, its price fluctuates but is usually somewhere near the high end of premium marbles, pushing close to \$300 per sq. ft.

## What Impacts Marble Countertop Costs?

The following can all help determine the cost of marble countertops:

- The type of marble you choose
- How much you need

- Cutouts
- Installation cost

## **How Do Marble Costs Compare to Other Stones?**

Marble is not the cheapest stone, but it is not the most expensive either. Outside of granite countertops, marble is your cheapest natural stone option. Of course, this entirely depends on the factors outlined above.

There are many terrific reasons why many homeowners choose marble countertops for their homes. Installing marble countertops can end up being one of the best choices you ever make for your home.