

# Backsplash Ideas for Granite Countertops: Finding the Right Fit

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Installing granite countertops can immediately transform the look of your house. But to finish off the project, you will want to install a stunning backsplash that pairs well with the granite countertop. Just as you are not limited in options for granite countertops, there are so many incredible options that you will have when looking for backsplash ideas.

When choosing a backsplash, there are several things to consider explained below.

## Why Should I Have a Backsplash?

There are many good reasons for choosing to install a backsplash to go with your new granite countertops. Backsplashes offer added style to your home décor, all while protecting your walls from potential stains. A backsplash is a wise investment for any home with new granite countertops.

## How Much Backsplash Do You Need?

Determining how much of a backsplash you should have is mostly a matter of personal preference. Do you want to cover a portion of the wall, cover the entire space between the countertop and the cabinets or even cover the space on the wall from the countertop to the ceiling? Many shorter backsplashes are 4” – which can be a nice subtle addition to your granite countertop. On the other hand, another option you have is to cover a greater portion of the wall. This can be a bolder addition that is sure to grab attention. Backsplash height is definitely an element that you will want to think through carefully.

## What Are My Material Options?

As mentioned above, you will have many options in terms of materials for your backsplash. From various forms of tile to granite, here are some options that you have to choose from.

## Granite

If you found a granite countertop that takes your breath away, one option for a backsplash is to use more of that same stone. This can create a uniform look that can be very pleasing. Before installing, choose a part of the slab that you want to highlight as the backsplash. A granite backsplash to match your counter can further increase the visual impact that your granite makes. Having granite on the wall to match your countertop can really give visitors a sense of the coloring and pattern of the granite.

## **Ceramic Tile**

Ceramic tile is frequently used as a backsplash material. The material matches well with granite countertops, specifically if the granite is neutral in color.

## **Glass Tile**

Glass tile will bring some shine to your backsplash. The mosaic design will surely grab the attention of anyone in the room.

## **Subway Tile**

Subway tile is one of the most commonly used materials for backsplashes. It is trendy, stylish and can work well with many different types of granite countertops.

## **Slate**

If you want to double up on the natural stone look, slate tiles are a great option for a backsplash with a granite countertop. This style will work especially well if you have a lighter colored granite countertop, as the dark slate tiles will contrast the granite.

## **Wood**

A wood backsplash can give your home more of a rustic look. Wood pairs well with many types of stone – but works especially well with granite. Try contrasting the color of the wood and the color of the granite to create a visually pleasing combo.

## **Brick**

If you are looking for a backsplash material that is warm and inviting, brick can work for you. Depending on the shade of brick, it works very well with many different types of granite. Try to go for the contrasting look if you choose a brick backsplash.

## **Stainless Steel**

If you are looking for a more modern and outside the box backsplash idea for granite countertops, consider going with stainless steel. One major benefit of stainless steel is that it is very easy to clean.

## **Cork**

If you really want something that is way outside the box, a cork backsplash may suit your taste. If you are a wine enthusiast, what better way to represent your love than having a backsplash made of wine corks? The look of cork also works well with various types of granite.

## **Copper**

This idea may seem even further outside the box than stainless steel or cork, but copper backsplashes have risen in popularity in recent years, especially in homes that feature modern design elements. While granite is more of a traditional countertop material, the right type of granite can actually pair very well with a copper backsplash. Try using a lighter granite countertop to add elements of contrast.

## **Can I Install a Backsplash on My Own?**

Installing a backsplash can be a Do-It-Yourself project. However, this mostly depends on the complexity of the backsplash you are installing. If your new backsplash features a complicated design, it will be in your best interest to hire a professional for the installation process. In general, simple tile patterns are something that you can usually install on your own.

## **How Much Will My New Backsplash Cost?**

The cost of your new backsplash will depend on the material you use and how much of it that you need. Ceramic tile is among the less expensive materials that you can use, while materials such as natural stone or stainless steel will be more expensive.

Ultimately, there are many great reasons to put the finishing touches on your granite countertop by adding a stylish backsplash. Whether you choose a shorter backsplash or a full wall backsplash, there is no doubt that you can make a statement that further increases the appeal of your new granite countertops. Just as you would with the countertop, you will want to carefully plan out what material you want to use for your backsplash so you can ensure that you are pleased with the backsplash once it is installed.