

Cost of Quartzite Countertops: What Impacts Prices?

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Many homeowners who desire the look of marble but want a natural stone that is more durable turn to quartzite. Quartzite, much like marble, is an elegant natural stone that can be found in many different colors with different patterns and veining. Overall, [quartzite countertops](#) will be a great fit for many homes.

Cost of Quartzite Countertops

Compared to other stone countertop materials, quartzite falls in the higher priced range. Below is a table that displays the general cost per square foot of quartzite countertops.

Cost

Least expensive	\$60 per square foot
Average	\$90 per square foot
Most expensive	\$120 per square foot

The following table compares the cost of quartzite countertops to the cost of other stone countertop options.

Cost Comparison: Quartzite vs. Other Stone Options

Granite	\$35 to \$75 per square foot
Marble	\$40 to \$100 per square foot
Quartz	\$50 to \$120 per square foot
Slate	\$50 to \$200 per square foot
Soapstone	\$55 to \$100 per square foot
Quartzite	\$60 to \$120 per square foot

Limestone	\$70 to \$200 per square foot
Onyx	\$75 to \$250 per square foot
Gemstone	Start at around \$100 per square foot

What Factors Impact the Price of Quartzite Countertops?

The price of quartzite countertops is dependent on a variety of factors. These factors include:

- How much of the material you require for your countertop
- Where you live
- How rare the quartzite you choose is
- Complexity of the job

How Much of the Material Do You Require for Your Countertop?

The more quartzite you need for your new countertop, the higher the overall cost of the job will be. This is the case with any other countertop material as well.

Where You Live

Depending on where you live, factors such as the material cost and labor prices will be different than other areas. If you are looking to get an estimate, check out the Marble.com [Estimator Tool](#).

How Rare the Quartzite You Choose Is

The rarity of the specific type of quartzite you choose can have a major impact on the cost. Since rare types are not commonly found and are in high demand, expect to pay in the higher price range for your countertop if you go with one of these types.

Complexity of the Job

Of course, the overall cost of the project will be increased by labor costs. These labor costs could rise if your particular countertop needs are more complex. The more complex they are, the higher the price will go. If you are looking to save money and are thinking of installing your new quartzite countertops on your own, know that you should never attempt to install a quartzite countertop yourself. These natural stone surfaces are extremely heavy. Hiring a professional both decreases the risk of any damage occurring and lowers the risk of any potential injury.

Quartzite vs. Quartz: Don't Get Confused

If you don't read carefully, it can be very easy to confuse these two drastically different stone countertop options based on their similar names: Quartzite and Quartz. While quartzite is a natural stone, [quartz](#) is an

engineered stone that is made by combining ground quartz mineral with resins and pigments. While these countertops may also be suitable for many homes, if you are looking for natural stone, make sure not to get the two confused.

Quartzite vs. Marble: Don't Get Confused

Despite not having similar sounding names, quartzite and marble are very often confused, as there are many types that share a similar look. However, there is an easy test that can confirm if the stone is quartzite or marble. [Marble](#) is prone to etching, while quartzite is not. To test, take a sample of the stone and put a small amount of lemon juice or vinegar on it. Wipe it off in a couple of minutes. If you notice that the stone has become duller and discolored in that particular spot, the stone you have is not quartzite. While it can be another type of stone, it is likely that it will be marble considering the similarities in appearance. Another easy test you can conduct is a scratch test. Quartzite is harder than a knife, so you can test if a knife will scratch the surface of the stone. If it does produce a scratch, the stone you have is not quartzite.

How Does Quartzite Compare to Granite?

Quartzite and granite share the characteristics of durability and low maintenance. Both natural stones are pleasing to the eye and will surely catch attention wherever you use them in the home. Although granite is often cheaper, the high-quality looks and beneficial physical properties of quartzite can make the countertops well worth your investment. In terms of durability, quartzite is even more durable than granite – despite granite being one of the most durable natural stone countertop options. This is one of the greatest selling points for quartzite.

What Are Some Popular Types of Quartzite?

Quartzite can be found in a variety of colors, so you will certainly have options to choose from. The following is a list of the most popular quartzite countertop options.

Classic White Quartzite

Classic White is one of the most popular types of quartzite you will find. This elegant natural stone is white with gray highlights and is quarried in Brazil.

Taj Mahal Quartzite

This beautiful natural stone is white with grayish brown veining. It will fit in well with virtually any décor. The stone comes from Brazil.

Super White Quartzite

Super White Quartzite is an aesthetically pleasing stone that features a white base with deep gray veins. It is quarried in Brazil.

Fantasy Brown Quartzite

Fantasy Brown Quartzite is an interesting blend of brown, white and gray with veining and black spots throughout.

Emerald Quartzite Dark

Emerald Quartzite Dark is a stunning quartzite featuring various shades of green. This smooth looking stone will be great anywhere in the house.

Blue Fantasy Quartzite

If you are looking for a type of quartzite that can be a piece of artwork, blue fantasy quartzite may be exactly what you are looking for. This gorgeous natural stone features veining and areas of sedimentary compound.

Aurora Blue Quartzite

Featuring beautiful veins of blue, gray and gold, aurora blue quartzite is a beautiful natural stone that can work well with virtually any décor.

Azul Macaubas Quartzite

If you are a fan of blue, there may be no better option to catch your eye than Azul Macaubas Quartzite. This incredible type of quartzite is blue with auburn veining and is quarried in Brazil.

Violet Bamboo Quartzite

Violet Bamboo Quartzite is an Italian stone that has a reddish-brown base with white and light green layered veining.

Picasso Quartzite

If you thought some of the other quartzite options resembled a piece of art, get a look at Picasso Quartzite. This interesting and busy natural stone features abstract veins and patches that resemble the artwork of famous painter Pablo Picasso.

When evaluating natural stone countertop options, you will find that quartzite is one of your best choices for both appearance and physical properties. While other viable alternatives exist, such as granite and marble, there is no mistaking the benefits that quartzite countertops will provide for your home. Different types of the stone can be found in different price ranges, which depend on the various factors detailed above.

Regardless of which quartzite you choose, receiving all of the benefits that the stone offers will make it well worth the cost.