

Office Countertops: What Are Your Best Stone Options?

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Office countertops are not often surfaces that are given much attention. However, this does not have to be the case. Using stone countertops in the office can drastically change the appearance of your office for the better. Whether it is for your business or a home office, this guide will walk you through the ideal options for stone office countertops.

What Color Are You Looking For?

The color of a countertop can have a big impact on the feeling it gives off in your office. You can opt for a lighter colored countertop, which will make a space feel larger, or a darker colored countertop, which will add elegance to the area. Perhaps you might want an earthy feel to the space, in which case you can choose a shade of brown.

What Materials Are Ideal for Office Countertops?

The two most ideal countertop materials for offices are granite and quartz. Both materials are very attractive and durable, which makes them great choices for any space. In addition, both materials will provide you with a seemingly endless amount of color and style options. Both materials are broken down in further detail below.

What is Granite?

Granite is one of the most popular countertop options on the market. Many homeowners love using granite for their countertops because of the material's appearance and durability. These positive traits translate to an

office setting as well. [Granite](#) will make for a fantastic surface in your home or business office.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Granite

Like any other countertop material, granite comes with advantages and disadvantages. These are represented in the following table and explained below.

Granite

Advantages	Disadvantages
Attractive	Cost
Extensive Selection	Requires Sealing
Easy to Maintain	
Durable	

Advantages

Attractive

Granite is one of the most attractive materials you can choose for a countertop. Whether you are looking for something subdued or bold, there is a stylish type of granite you can choose.

Extensive Selection

There are hundreds of styles you can choose from with granite. The number of options virtually ensures that you will find at least one style that catches your eye, if not multiple.

Easy to Maintain

Granite is relatively easy to maintain, especially considering that it is a natural stone. You can clean the surface regularly using warm soap and water. Your biggest concern will be making sure that the surface is sealed properly. However, you will only have to re-seal a granite countertop roughly once every year.

Durable

Granite countertops are a long-lasting surface. You will not have to worry about replacing these tough stone countertops anytime soon.

Disadvantages

Cost

Natural stone is not cheap. However, granite is one of the least expensive natural stone countertop options. Expect to pay between \$35 to \$75 per square foot depending on the type of granite you choose.

Requires Sealing

As is the case with most natural stones, granite does require sealing. This should not be so much of an inconvenience, as the re-sealing process is easy and will only have to be done around once a year.

What is Quartz?

Quartz is an engineered stone that is created by combining roughly 90 percent quartz with about 10 percent polymer resin. These numbers can be slightly higher or lower depending on the specific brand of quartz but will always be around the same region. Much like granite, the appeal of quartz lies mostly in its appearance and durability. [Quartz countertops](#) will be a fantastic addition to any home office or business office.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Quartz

Quartz has its advantages and disadvantages. These are analyzed below.

Quartz

Advantages	Disadvantages
Attractive	Cost
Extensive Selection	Not Heat Resistant
Easy to Maintain	
Durable	

Advantages

Attractive

Just because the surfaces are not natural stone does not make quartz countertops any less attractive. In fact, many types of quartz countertops are manufactured to replicate the look of natural stones such as granite.

Extensive Selection

Another result of quartz being engineered is that the material gives you so many different options to choose from.

Easy to Maintain

Quartz countertops are non-porous, which helps make them one of the easiest surfaces to clean and maintain.

Durable

Quartz countertops are engineered to be very tough. In fact, the surfaces are just as durable as granite countertops.

Disadvantages

Cost

Quartz countertops are not cheap. You should expect to pay around \$50 to \$120 per square foot. However, based on the benefits you will receive from the surfaces, the cost can be well worth it.

Not Heat Resistant

One of the major downfalls of quartz countertops is that they are not heat resistant. While this is particularly significant when the material is used for kitchen countertops, it can come into play in the office as well. Just to be careful, use coasters for hot drinks and make sure to avoid spills.

Whether you [are replacing laminate](#) or solid surface countertops in your office or building a home office and are choosing the countertops, granite and quartz are two of the very best options you have. Reviewing this guide can help put you on the right track to selecting your new office countertops.