

Ultimate Guide to Marble with Brown Veining

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Marble is a classic, gorgeous material that will add stylish glamour to your home. This natural stone is known for its beauty, as well as its durability. It has been used throughout history as a strong and reliable building material, with famous statues and historic structures such as the Taj Mahal and the Lincoln Memorial.

Homeowners everywhere adore this remarkable stone for its many colors that allow it to fit just about any home decor style. The elegant but natural veining in marble is difficult to replicate in artificial stone.

One of the most popular and picturesque colored veins is brown. While marble is a high luxury stone, having a brown coloring in your stone may help to ground your room's decor. Brown is the truest neutral color and can match with anything. A brown veining will allow you to mix and match your decor and get creative without worrying about pairing with your countertops.

What is marble?

Marble is a naturally occurring stone that is remarkably durable. It is a metamorphic rock, meaning that it was a rock transformed through high temperatures or pressure.

There are marble quarries throughout the world. One of the most famous quarries is located in Apuan Alps in northern Italy. At a quarry, the stone can be extracted through a variety of methods, such as dynamite. Then the stone is cut into large blocks, which typically weigh between 15,000 to 25,000 pounds. The block is then cut into thin pieces called slabs, which are then transported to a fabricator who will cut the stone into a specific shape needed for your specific project.

Typically, marble started as limestone that was then metamorphosed and now contains multiple different types of minerals, creating unique veining and patterns. Minerals typically found in marble include clay, silt, sand, iron oxides, or chert. In construction, the word "marble" has a slightly different definition. In construction, marble refers to a stone that is composed of calcite, dolomite, or serpentine. Regardless of exact composition, this is a remarkable stone.

In terms of appearance, you can do no better than marble. Although it is a natural stone, just about every color is available to be purchased. Marble.com has beige, green, grey, black, blue, white, gold, brown, pink, red, and purple marbles available for purchase. Like other natural stones, it can be finished in two different

textures: polished, a high gloss finish, or honed, a more matte finish.

In terms of durability, this stone is a great choice. While not completely resistant to staining or scratching, marble really shines in terms of heat resistance. Marble is a naturally sourced stone that does not have additives that can melt with high temperatures like man-made, engineered stones would. You should still use trivets or hot pads under hot pots or pans, however, you will not have to fear extreme damage.

In terms of care, marble requires a daily cleaner of soapy water or natural soap cleaner as well as periodic resealing.

What is veining?

Veining in natural stone is the result of mineral impurities during the metamorphism process. Different colored veins are the result of different kinds of minerals. Brown veining is often the result of brown-colored minerals, such as clays.

Styling Marble with Brown Veining

Marble with brown veining can be styled in a variety of ways. Brown is a true neutral color and will help to ground any color scheme. Bright colors, light colors, dark colors, all can be bettered with the inclusion of brown.

Brown veining can actually fit in a variety of home decor styles. For example, contemporary, industrial, modern, and even country style decor would pair well with marble with brown veining.

Marble.com has over 90 different marble colors and styles. Let's check out our top picks for marble with brown veining, all available for purchase, as well as some styling ideas for each stone.

Top Marble with Brown Veining

Calacatta Gold

Calacatta Gold is a gorgeous, premier marble with subtle brown veining and highlighting. Predominately white, this stone's brown accents bring something special to your kitchen as it brings an unmatched regality and elegance to your home. The light grey spotting creates an illusion of translucency and varied texture. Pair this stone with other classic traditional elements like metal hardware or white cabinetry.

Calacatta Oro

Calacatta Oro has a warm, friendly but still elegant aura that is hard to replicate. The cream stone has golden brown veining throughout its surface. It has a visibly striking appearance that will visually enhance any space. If you are looking to have a luxurious kitchen that still feels warm and comforting, we highly recommend this stone. Next to other warm tones, your kitchen will be the center of attention with Calacatta Oro countertops.

Dynasty Brown

Dynasty Brown is a dark, dramatic stone. This is predominantly dark brown with waves of white and cream like the top of a pool. The other stones are more subtle features, while this stone would be the focal point of any space. This stone would look gorgeous in a regal home with dark stained wood

Brown Fantasy

One of the greatest things about the color brown is that it can cool, warm or even more neutral in tone. Brown Fantasy marble amplifies the beauty of using a cool-toned charcoal brown next to grey, white, and black backgrounds and accents. This is a perfect addition to a sophisticated and modern space. Imagine the beauty of this stone as a waterfall edged kitchen island next to black geometric furnishing. This stone is for the coolest of the cool, both in terms of coloring and in terms of style.

Crema Marfil

While some of the other brown veined marbles are bold and striking, brown can also be used beautifully in more subtle, delicate ways. Crema Marfil has a pink, yellow cream with dainty golden brown veining. This stone deserves a second look as the veining may be overlooked upon first look but later will be the star of the show under gorgeous natural light. As a simple, consistent stone, Crema Marfil will look gorgeous next to any home decor style. We especially recommend pairing it with contemporary styling and dark brown toned wooden features.

Colors to Pair with Brown Marble

There are plenty of colors to pair with brown as it is a true neutral shade that will help to mature and refine any color scheme. Here are some interesting color schemes to pair with brown:

Brown + Cream + Red

Lean into the warmth of your brown marble by pairing it with similar colors on that half of the color wheel.

Cream is a light neutral which will pair wonderfully with a brown, and may even already be present in your marble, like in Crema Marfil. This color will bring lightness to the room without being too stark like pure white. We recommend using this for larger spaces, such as cabinets or walls, to brighten the room.

Red is the warmest of warm colors, and will definitely bring some heat to your space! While the cream will continue the neutral and cozy atmosphere provided by the brown marble, red will add some energy and pizzazz to the room. Use it sparingly in well-placed areas, such as vintage appliances or a floral centerpiece.

Brown + Gray

Not a fan of pops of color? Prefer your kitchen to be all serious, all the time? Try combining the classic neutral grey with your brown marble countertops. While they may seem like an unlikely pairing, they actually provide a harmonious contrast as one is cooler in tone and the other is warmer in tone while still both being neutral.

Still, as brown tends to be warm-toned (although more cool or neutral tone browns do exist!), we recommend pairing it with more warm-toned greys as well, like charcoal or a grey-taupe. This color combo can easily go awry, so pick tones and tints carefully. Try pairing a brown marble with grey modern cabinets for a sleek, geometric look. Our top pick for pairing with grey is Brown Fantasy as the stone already has very subtle grey hints of color.

Hint: When combining two shades, try using various tints, some lighter and darker, throughout the space to keep it from being too monochromatic. Try to also mix up textures used throughout a space.

Brown + Blue

A warm-toned brown mixed with a true blue will complement each other in ways that you didn't think possible. Both shades will bounce off of each other, highlighting the best of each tone.

Use a stone like Dynasty Brown marble with a deep, chocolate tone, and pair it with similarly toned wood cabinets, then, break up the space with blue, lots of blue. Or, try a more orange-toned brown like in Calacatta Oro. Regardless of the brown in the stone, the presence of blue will make it look warmer. Be sure to choose a similar tone blue for most of the space, or at the very least, be conscious of whether the blues clash with each other or not.

Conclusion

Marble with brown veining is a classic but comforting piece to include in your next home renovation. Brown is a color that can pair well with just about anything, just be conscious of whether the brown in your stone is warm-toned or cool-toned. Not a fan of the brown marbles that we handpicked for this article? Marble.com has a great collection of marble colors, with a fantastic set of stones with brown veining as well as many other shades, from every color of the rainbow. Create a luxurious and durable stone feature in your home with the classic natural stone of marble.