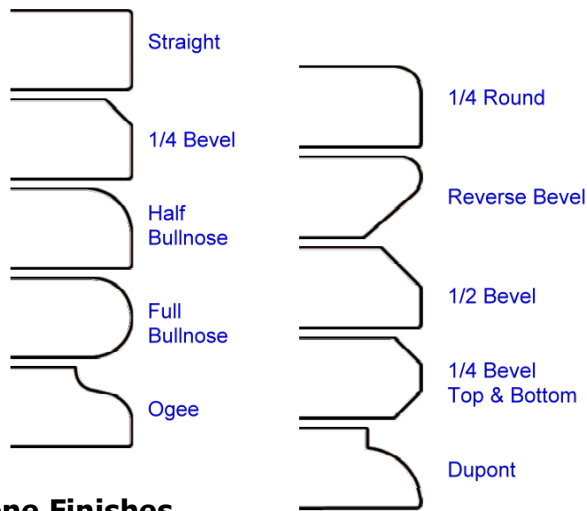
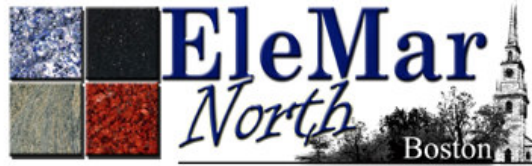


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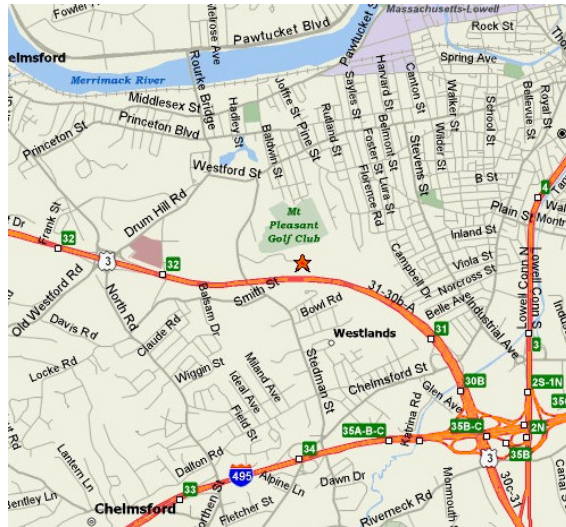


Stone Finishes

- All stone finishes are very universal and can be applied to many different projects, including but not limited to; kitchen counters, bathroom vanities, fireplaces, flooring, and most anything else you can imagine.
- Polished Surface - Large polishing machines progressively grind the stone to a uniform mirror-like finish. Polished surfaces are the most widely used finish and comprise the vast majority of slab inventory.
- Honed Surface - This less formal, softer-appearing surface has a matte or satin finish. Honed finish has an old world style that appeals heavily to designers, and draws on aspects of traditional stone culture.
- Flamed/Brushed Surface – The most rugged of all the available stone surface finishes, with a deep texture that can be felt. Brushed surfaces may feel rough, but has a certain silky characteristic. Flamed and Brushed finishes are becoming more widely used in residential homes, commercial applications, and is quite ideal for outdoor kitchens.



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Granite Explained

Granite is igneous rock with visible crystalline formation and textures. It is composed of feldspar and quartz, with small amounts of mica and other minor minerals. Granite crystallizes from magma that cools slowly, deep below the earth's surface. The rate of cooling gives rise to various crystal grain structures. Typically, the slower the lava cools, the larger the crystals become. Granite, along with other crystalline rocks, constitutes the foundation of the continental masses, and it is the most common rock exposed at the earth's surface.

Granite has greater strength and hardness than sandstone, limestone, and marble making it more difficult to quarry. Gang saws take up to 6 days running 24 hours a day to slice through a block. Slabs are numbered in sequence and polished. It is usually a good idea to select slabs that are from the same block for your countertop project. The variance in color patterns from block to block can be significant.

Granite as a countertop surface provides one of the most attractive and durable surfaces available. It is highly resistant to scratches, stains and heat and will last virtually forever. Granite does not harbor bacteria and resealing only needs to be done when water stops beading on the counter surface.

Marble Explained

Marble is metamorphosed limestone, composed of very pure calcium carbonate. The softness of marble and its consistency makes marble very desirable for sculpture and building. Marble is essentially limestone, that has been subjected to much higher amounts of temperature and pressure during its metamorphosis. Three primary locations for marble are Carrara Italy, Pentelicus Greece, and Proconnesus Turkey. Marble may be subject to stains from acidic foods and juices, but many new sealers help to retard staining. Typical uses include floors, wall coverings, tabletops, bathroom walls, floors, vanity tops and showers. There is no doubt, in the hands of the right designer, Marble can make a most stunning statement in your home.

Limestone and Travertine Explained

Limestone is a sedimentary rock, mainly composed of mineral calcite. The primary source of the calcite is typically marine organisms, which are deposited on the ocean floors as pelagic ooze. Popular uses include flooring and siding, and more frequently countertop applications for the bathroom and even kitchen. Travertine is limestone that is formed near geysers. Manufactured as tiles or slabs, travertine is generally filled with cement and is then polished or honed. More common uses are for flooring and siding. It is sometimes used for countertops.

Purchasing Stone

Buying stone may be a little overwhelming at times, but the process is quite simple. Different varieties of stones are quarried from all over the world, where they are cut and polished into

finished slabs. These slabs are numbered in sequence, packaged into bundles and shipped by container overseas to arrive at the doors of one of our many EleMar Marble and Granite warehouse locations.

EleMar North is open to the public for slab for viewing and slab selection. Our helpful warehouse staff will guide you through showroom where you can view slabs and inquire about the origin and availability of the stone. Once the stone is selected, arrangements are made for notification of your fabricator, informing them of your slab selection. The fabricator will then contact EleMar and arrange delivery.

EleMar will put material on "hold" for a customer for a period of 7 days with no money down. A fabricator can hold the slabs for a longer period of time if needed, but a purchase order and deposit is required in order to secure the material indefinitely.

Selecting a stone is a very important and personal process that deserves a lot of consideration. Feel free to bring in color and cabinet samples to compare with varying stones. Ask a lot of questions. Lighting is important, and if you need more light our staff will be happy to provide it. Courtesy is the first rule at EleMar because understand the importance of your investment in natural stone. It is an investment that will stand the test of time and pay dividends in beauty and functionality.

Thank you for allowing EleMar North to help you in your stone selection process. Please feel free to contact any EleMar staff member with any further questions.