Types of Stone

Granite: A hard and dense stone that is ideal for inside and outside surfaces. It consists generally of quartz, mica and feldspar. Granite is highly resistant to scratching, cracking and staining, and is impervious to heat and therefore is optimal for kitchen countertops. Granites can range from pink to gray in color and many shades in between.

Limestone: Less dense than granite, can be used for interior and exterior surfaces. Primarily calcareous, the presence of various minerals will produce various colors. The muted tones of this stone are excellent for bathrooms, counters, fireplaces, columns and more.

Marble: A metamorphic rock composed of recrystallized carbonate minerals, marble can be used for interior or exterior purposes. Most easily recognized by its veining, it is available in a wide range of colors. Though not as commonly used in the kitchen as granite, marble can be used throughout the home and commercial environment.

Onyx: A semi-precious variety of agate with varying color layers. This exquisite stone is characterized by its translucence which may be backlit for striking and dramatic effects.

Quartzite: An extremely compact stone consisting mainly of quartz. Pure quartzite is usually white to grey in color, but may often occur in various color shades due to the mineral content. Quartzite can be used in many applications throughout the home.

Slate: A fine grained stone formed in layers and derived from sedimentary rock shale. Slate can easily be split to form a distinct cleft pattern. The unique texture and its vibrant colors make this stone one of a kind. The colors range in earth tones, however purple, pink, copper, green and grey tones are also found in this stone. Slate is most commonly used in fireplaces, exterior walkways, patios and tabletops.

Travertine: A form of limestone deposited by mineral springs and is most easily recognized by the small holes throughout the stone left by gaseous bubbles as the earth cooled. These naturally occurring holes may be filled or left natural. Travertine ranges in colors from neutral creamy whites to reds, golds and earthy browns and finishes may be found in polished, honed or tumbled.