

natural materials natural markings

The stone and marble we sell are all natural materials.

They are not reconstituted, and contain all the variations and unique colourings found in nature. It is not possible to control the occurrence of these characteristics, and so no two items will be the same.



Pinholes and Voids

Created by trapped gas, moisture or organic matter during the formation of the stone.



Venting

Seen in stones formed during volcanic activity, when trapped gasses occur. They are sometimes confused with cracks.



Veins

The natural growth lines of travertine which reflect the history of the earth.



Travertine

Travertine is a sedimentary rock formed by the precipitation of minerals from water that has run through Limestone. As the minerals are deposited they form layers and a banded structure commonly results. Walnut Travertine is formed in the same way but has a brown colour, which is determined by the mineral content present in the earth during its formation. Travertine always contains pinholes and voids.

Marble

Marble is formed during the movement of the earth's plates and is a recrystallized limestone. It will contain pinholes and voids and a small amount of venting.

Granite

Granite is produced during volcanic activity and the intense heat and pressure result in this being the hardest of stone. It is most suited to the kitchen environment. Venting and pinholes will often be seen.

Care and use

All stone is porous and should be cared for like fine wood. Coasters and placemats are recommended and spills should be wiped up immediately. The surface should simply be washed with a mild soap solution. All stone can be vulnerable to hard knocks or scratches. More detailed information relating to the geological characteristics and manufacturing techniques are available. Please ask for details.