



Your Granite
Selection Center



Bartlett
Granite & Memorials

**The Proud Saint John
Granite Factory!**

**Advice on Selecting
a Stone Countertop
for Your Home**

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ABOUT US . . .

Bartlett Memorials specializes in selling, fabricating and installing natural stone surfaces including granite, marble and onyx. Offering a wide selection of inventory in natural stone slabs, Bartlett Memorials is proud of being the largest natural stone supplier in Atlantic Canada.

Our stone come from quality factories in various locations around the world producing first choice slabs. Our three main partners have a combined total stone experience of nearly a century, which brings a world of quality stone into homes, commercial properties, and other facilities across Atlantic Canada and surrounding areas.

Our inventory combines familiar products already known to the region, as well as some unique materials not seen anywhere in Canada. **We encourage you to come look for yourself!**

Granite fabrication is a specialized trade that requires extensive training and practice in order to produce high-quality results. Having many years of experience working with granite, our expert fabricators are highly reliable and skilled, and enjoy an enviable word-of-mouth reputation throughout the Greater Saint John area.

We wrote this brochure in the hope that it makes you feel more informed during the selection process. Picking out your stone is the first step to any renovation. There are many colors to choose from, and each has its own special characteristics in terms of

veining, blend of colors, translucence, and grain size. All of our slabs are first choice, but the esthetics of color and design are really up to you.

Investing in granite for your home is an important decision, but one that is sure to provide pleasure and enduring value for many years to come.

SELECTING GRANITE SLABS

We do encourage our customers to view materials in our stock, because we believe nothing equals seeing an entire slab in person.

Because natural stone varies considerably, even stones from the same quarry can vary from block to block. And since there are so many materials to choose from, it is usually best to begin your project by selecting your stone first, and then working outward from there, selecting cabinets and other products to match. After all, most of the elements in your home are manufactured, so the colors can be controlled, but natural stone is a gift from nature.

If you have already selected part of your kitchen, or you are working with existing materials, it helps to bring a photo or a sample of a kitchen cabinet door and flooring with you when you look for the color to match.

Although you can find many of our granite colors listed on our website, it must be noted that the colors you see on our website may vary from actual items.

This is mainly a result of variations in viewer monitor settings (such as color, brightness, and contrast setting) and the variations of natural stone in color, veining, and pattern from piece to piece. We are confident that you will be glad to see all the options in person.

You can personally select your slabs in our yard, and we will help guide you through the many colors we have in stock to find one that will work perfectly with your home. In addition to the color you choose, we will also help you decide on the edge, backsplash and any other details that will work best in your space.

Please make sure to bring a drawing of your room with measurements so we can provide you with an initial quote based on these dimensions. This initial quote is only an estimate, and adjustments will be made upon templating to reflect exact measurements.

Once you have placed your order, we will arrange a suitable time with you for us to template your countertop. This mainly involves a site visit where our fabricators will formulate a precise template with dimensions of the work and the locations of sink(s), soap dispenser, appliances, etc. This is a necessary step towards installing a perfectly matching countertop.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Selection is everything when it comes to quality in stone

All our slabs are first choice materials, selected by our partners from quality factories around the world. But quality in stone needs some explanation. In nature, quality is a matter of discovery and selection, not engineering. This is illustrated best by the Blue Pearl quarries in Norway. There are some twenty different quarries of this color, each with its own distinct crystal size and characteristics, and all of them producing at least 5 different variations of color and shade. Even more remarkable is that 95% of the output of these quarries is blocks that are too small to be made into slabs, becoming instead rubble material which ends up as road beds or gravel. Therefore, to get the first choice color, consistency, crystal size and block size as desired by our customers, we must select only the very best. This means that less than 5% of the original quarry can be considered select material!

WHAT ARE POLISHED AND HONED FINISHES?

Most of the slabs we stock have a polished, glossy, highly reflective finish. But a few slabs also come in a honed, non-reflective finish, which gives a very interesting option to the consumer. The choice is yours!

It all starts with a rough slab of granite. This slab is placed on an automated conveyor system which moves the slab through various stages of the finishing process. The side of the slab to be finished—the face—is placed up on the conveyor belt and then the granite goes through a series of polishing wheels fitted with coarse abrasive pads and also finer polishing pads. These pads apply

pressure to the stone, grinding and buffing it as it moves through the finishing process. The surface finish of your stone is determined by where the finishing process ends—a 500 grit for honed surfaces, a 3000 grit for a polished face.

Regardless of the finish, your slabs need to be sealed; our sealer offers a 15-year certified stain and discoloration resistance warranty.

MARBLE VS. GRANITE

At Bartlett Memorials, we love all stones. But not every material is right for every application. On average, granites are several times harder than marble, and are acid resistant, making them ideal in kitchens, where acidic food items like vinegar and lemons would burn away the polish and leave etch marks on marble. Traditionally, marbles have been reserved for use in bathrooms and foyers. If you are unsure about your particular application, just ask us. We are here to help.

MORE INFORMATION ONLINE

You can see photos of our slabs on our website, as well as learn more about our company and about natural stone.

Visit us in the comfort of your own home:

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