

# The Natural Choice for Kitchen Countertops

By Cathy Minz

Today kitchens truly are multi-purpose rooms built for family gatherings, entertaining, grabbing a bite to eat on the way to work and doing homework with the kids in the evening. Because people spend so much time in their kitchens, they are investing in the way it looks and feels. And nothing looks and feels better in a kitchen than natural stone countertops. But natural stone isn't chosen purely for its aesthetics, it's practical, too.

Unlike granite, marble, quartz or man-made composite surfaces, a soapstone countertop is chemically neutral, which makes it non-porous and virtually impervious to all types of products that may stain other surfaces. There's no need to worry about spilt wine, olive oil, Soya sauce or a myriad of other culprits that will permeate many natural stones.

Gaining popularity in kitchens coast to coast are the fabulous soapstone countertops fabricated by a local company,

N&G Soapstone Countertops. With classic good looks and extreme durability, soapstone is becoming the newest trend in beautiful kitchens everywhere. What makes soapstone ideal for kitchen surfaces? In addition to soapstone's natural softness and thermal capabilities, there are many natural characteristics that set it apart.

It adjusts to heat," says Noreen Frank, Vice President, N&G Soapstone Countertops. You can place a red hot pan or dish on a counter without any damage to the surface. It is non-porous and will not harbour bacteria. Products that traditionally stain other natural stones will not penetrate soapstone."

Soapstone is a great material for food preparation areas, too. It is chemically neutral," Noreen explains. Acids like lemon or tomato juice do not affect soapstone, nor do alkalis found in some household cleaners."



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No other solid surface countertop material combines all of these favourable characteristics. Soapstone is a one-time life time investment," she says. It has been used since the early 1800's. Soapstone is considered a green product as it is chemical-free, and does not require sealers."

Soapstone is charcoal grey to black in colour with a green hue to it. Hardness and purity from deposit to deposit will vary," says Noreen. We only fabricate and distribute those suitable for the intended end use. Top quality

soapstone is rare and hard to find. Our skilled geologists actively prospect and seek out the richest deposits. This enables us to continually secure new quarry locations."

Noreen and her husband Gaetan Frank, source most of their soapstone from Brazil, selecting most of it by hand on their regular visits to the country. There are many grades of soapstone," says Noreen. When a homeowner is looking for soapstone as a countertop they should be aware of the physical properties and the hardness on the Mohs scale."

N&G Soapstone Countertops carries a full line of products to enhance your home including non-slip floor tiles and backsplash tiles, fireplace surrounds, hearths, pavers, cabinet knobs, and sinks. N&G Soapstone Countertops is located at 8 Paisley Lane, Unit 2 in Uxbridge. Call 905-640-6213 or 1-866-421-4425, or visit [www.soapstoneontario.com](http://www.soapstoneontario.com) for more information.

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