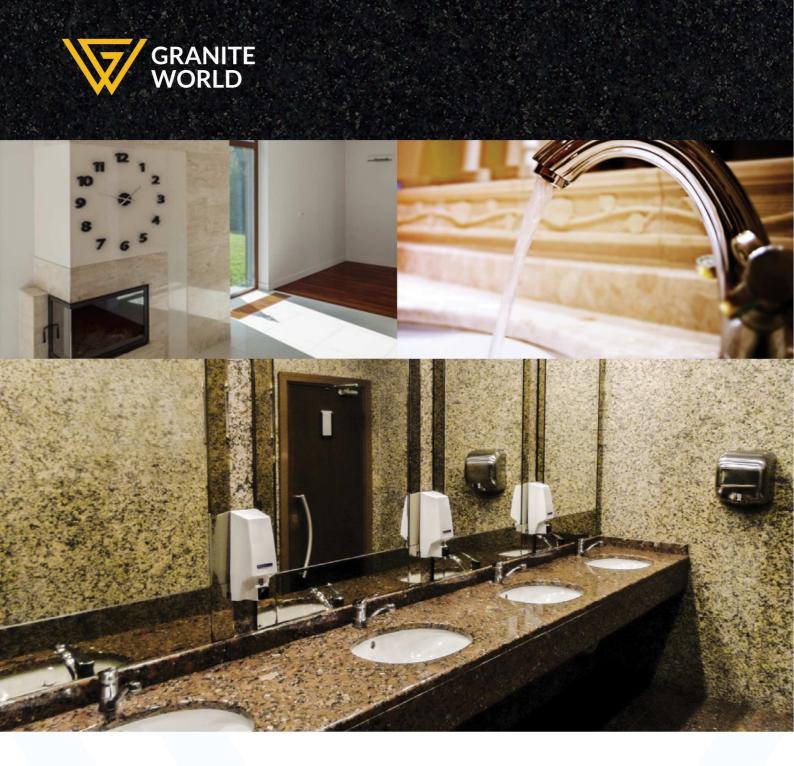


HOW TO MAKE YOUR NEXT RENOVATION PROJECT LOOK AMAZING WITH STONE





Natural stone is a great addition to any home and it should be considered with any renovation you are planning. There are several ways to capitalize on the stone look to make your renovation look as fantastic as possible as well as last a long time. You want something you can be proud of and something that will last. Follow these tips to make your stone renovation a vey successful one and one that anyone who sees it will be envious of.



USE NATURAL STONE COLORS TO HIGHLIGHT THE DESIGN.

Choosing the right color scheme to go with your renovation is key. If you have dark cabinetry in your kitchen, you may want to use a light colored granite benchtop to really make the look pop. The contrasting colors can really open up the room, especially if you are using a dark colored granite benchtop color against your light colored cabinetry or flooring. Play around with the colors to see what works and what doesn't. You will be pleasantly surprised if you decide to use contrasting colors in the space.



FOCUS ON SIMPLICITY FOR YOUR REMODEL

You do not have to have an extravagant natural stone included in your home renovation to make it grand. Instead focus on the simple aspects of it and you will find that the simple design will create a big statement in the room. Adding even the smallest component to the design, like a granite benchtop or splashback, can make a big statement. While the addition is simple, you can do a lot with very little. For example, if you create a granite feature wall, it can make a big impact on the room but the granite does not have to be a special or customized slab to do this. Remember that simple is a good thing and natural stone can add a lot to a room without doing a lot.



DON'T BE AFRAID TO SPEND MORE ON YOUR NATURAL STONE

In many cases, natural stone is used as a centerpiece to the room and really brings it all together. That being said, you do not want to spend too little on this to the point where it does not bring up the value or design of the room. Take some time shopping around to ensure you get the best deal but don't avoid spending a little bit more on your natural stone. It will pay for itself in the long run because it is very versatile and can last a long time. If you buy something cheap, you get something cheap and you will likely have to replace it before too long. Save yourself the hassle and save money in the long run by allowing yourself some room in the budget to splurge on natural stone for your renovation.



TAKE TIME TO LOOK AT DESIGNS ONLINE AND IN A LOCAL SHOWROOM

This is where you will see the majority of the looks that are popular today and you will also be able to figure out what you do and do not want. many companies have designs that you can look at as well so you can mix and match what they already have planned out. Do not rush into any design, either. You want to make sure that you are sure that you are making the right decision for you. Try to visualize the design you are considering in your home and make sure that it is a good fit. You do not want to rush into a design or a certain kind or colour of natural stone.



REMEMBER TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL TO DO THE INSTALL

Even if you are the person who is making the decision to do the remodel and choose all of the aspects to put into the design, unless you have installed natural stone before, you should hire a professional. not only do they know what they are doing and can usually offer a guarantee, but they can also provide a better finished product than if you were to to it alone. Not to mention, natural stone is heavy and you do not want to risk mishandling it and breaking your slab before you can install it. Save yourself some money by having to purchase more natural stone and opt to use a professional for the install.