

# Selecting Granite Slabs

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Are there any tips for selecting slabs of Volga Blue for use in a kitchen and or any ways to detect if the stone has been "doctored" by a dealer?

Dear Jordon Fitts:

The best tip (better said: the only tip) is to select your slab together with your fabricator.

You have to select a fabricator before the stone all the time - not vice-versa!

The human factor - not the stone is the only factor that will make you either happy or miserable!

We have available a very comprehensive article on "How to Shop for a Granite Kitchen Countertop" that will give you all the intelligence you need to venture yourself with confidence in the stone industry jungle, and it includes the world renowned "Lemon juice (and oil) test"! It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap "insurance premium" to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause, **your** cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Also, do take advantage of the plethora of FREE Helpful Hints available at:  
<http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm>. They're on the house!

Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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