

# Granite vs Marble for baking surface

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Hi Maurizio, I've always heard that marble is popular with bakers to knead dough, roll pie crusts, etc. Is the same true for granite? Polished granite. Thanks, Jean

Dear Jean:

There are over 2700 (no, it's not a typo) stones traded as granite on the market (and counting). Approximately 2% of them are true geological granite or next of kin. All the remaining 98% are related to granite and to each other like a cat to a cow. Many are as good as granite, many are even better, but some are a disgrace.

So, as you can see, when one talks about granite in general, you never know what stone one's talking about.

Me?

I would get a nice size piece of a white Carrara marble slab, hone-finished, and then use it and abuse it (translation: enjoy it) 6 days from Sunday without worrying about any such little thing like a few stains and scratches here and there!

Go to the pizza parlor around the corner from you and take a look!

We had something like that in our own kitchen when we were back in Italy (well, actually we still have it, since we still own our condo over thereâ€¦ but for the couple of times a year we go back there visiting, we're not in the mood for baking!...) and we miss it very much! L

Right now we have Black Galaxy granite (they call it granite) and we roll dough on it. That stone does not absorb anything and is as bullet-proof as they come, but we just can't get â€œthe feelingâ€• that we used to get when we were kneading dough on our marble slab back in the old country! And then, kneading dough on a black shiny surface?... It just don't feel rightâ€¦ L J

Unfortunately, the way my kitchen is designed there's was no way to include a piece of marble slab in it. Not to mention that we didn't think that we would miss our marble!

But our next house in a couple of years?... You'd better believe it! J

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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