

Verde Peacock

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A respected local seller of stones has several slabs of Verde Peacock. The slabs are greatly discounted because they have fissures. I like the price (!) and do not find the look offensive. It looks like "crazing" on glass. Is this a real/good granite? Should I be concerned about the fissures?

Dear Linda:

If you think that you can live with the natural flaws that you see in the stone, Verde Peacock (Charnockite, not granite) is an excellent stone as material for a kitchen countertop.

However, as stone is only a stone. If you accept an inferior grading slab on price consideration that's fine and dandy but if you shop for the fabricator that will turn that slab into a countertop on price... That would not be a wise thing to do!

The human factor (the fabricator) is the only factor that makes customers happy or unhappy. And good, reputable fabricator don't come cheap.

Shop wisely!

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,

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