

Honed Granite

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I read your post on honed granite and the staining possibilities of the surface. My husband and I are starting a new construction and I was planning on getting honed granite countertops in the kitchen. We have five children at home, and I am wondering if I should forego the idea of the soft looking honed finish, and just get the high polish surface instead. Our building contractor is in charge of getting countertops and I don't know how I would truthfully find out if it had been impregnated/sealed. Is the polished surface a better choice to prevent stains?

Dear Tonja:

If your building contractor is in charge of getting the countertops, I would not consider hone-finished back granite.

That's good and it could be kept under control if the final user (you) were in control of the fabrication/installation process. If you prefer to leave that responsibility to someone who doesn't know the first thing about stone and its requirements, then I would say no.

As a matter of fact, I would say no to polished black granite altogether: there are too many maliciously doctored slabs of "black granite" out there, and your GC wouldn't probably be able to tell a doctored slab from whipped cream.

To expand the subject even further, I would stay away from natural stone "period". Either you have a true expert taking care of that part of the business, or you do your own homework.

A GC?

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Ciao and good luck,

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