

The Beauty of Marble

Marble comes in many varieties which are often named after the location of their quarries. Paros and Penteli from Greece, Carrara from Italy, Proconnesus from Turkey, Macael from Spain, Makrana from India, Danby from Vermont and Yule from Colorado

Marble is a crystallized limestone, essentially composed of quartz and orthoclase or microcline. It used for many applications, including sculpture, buildings and monuments. In ancient history, marbles were used in cathedrals and palaces for a rich look. Marbles are still very popular and are used in modern homes to create a luxurious look. Advanced technology and different finishes make marble an appropriate material for sinks, vanities, window sills, floors and more. A polished finish will bring out depth and color for a sink or vanity top, while a honed finish will provide a non-slippery floor tile.

Faux marbling is a technique of painting which mimics the color and pattern of real marble. Marble dust can be jointed with synthetic resins to create reconstituted or cultured marble.

Though marble is mainly used as a building stone in the construction industry, it also has other uses. Ground marble powder is used as a component in paints, plastics and other industrial trades. Marble is also known for its cultural associations, for example, it was the desired source for Greek and Roman Sculptors and architects as a symbol for tradition and refined taste. Marble is a favorite decorative material and its many varieties are often imitated because of its colorful pattern.

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