

DESIGNING WITH NATURAL STONE

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All 3/8” thick marble tiles, marble mosaics, limestone tiles and limestone mosaics are made rated for interior floor or wall applications.
- Inspect and dry lay before installation.
**Installation is acceptance, and no claims can be made will be accepted after installation.*
- Use modified mortar specifically rated for natural stone.
- Use white mortar with lighter marbles.
- Homeowners should be asked lifestyle questions before they are offered marble floors.



Do they have busy/messy foot traffic?



Indoor/outdoor traffic?



Younger kids



Dogs?

**If yes to any of these questions, they should be recommended porcelain tile marble look.*

- Each piece of marble is unique. If your customer does not enjoy high color variation, please refer to porcelain marble looks:
 - [Marmo Reale & Marmo Luxe](#)
 - [Epoque](#)
 - [Serene](#)
 - [Atlantis](#)
- Porcelain limestone looks:
 - [Ibla](#)
 - [Pietra Marais](#)
 - [Travertino Antico](#) (vein cut travertine look)
- All natural stone applications need to be cleaned regularly (at least bi-weekly) to avoid build up.
 - Cleaning materials need to be PH Neutral and neither basic nor acidic.
 - Cleaners that have sealer properties are preferred.
- Once installed, surfaces need to be sealed with a stone sealer.
 - Sealer needs to be tested annually and resealed as needed.
 - Testing Sealer: Spray water on the surface and see if the droplets bead up. The Sealer is working if this happens.
- For more information on care and maintenance and stain management visit zcollection.com/care-maintenance.

COMFORT ZONES



- All dry areas: kitchen and bathroom backsplashes, bathroom floors and walls (except shower walls), fireplace surrounds, tub surrounds, and feature walls.
- Recommended materials:
 - Cashmere White, Rockwood, Thassos, Bianco Carrara, Nero Marquina, Calacatta Gold, Bardiglio Cloud, Dolomite, & Blu Grigio.

ATTENTION ZONES



- Shower walls and floors and steam showers.
 - These areas are more technical, requiring waterproofing and draining.
 - Shower floors require a stone drain with weeping holes.
 - Steam showers might absorb steam and look wet until they dry out.
- Recommended materials:
 - Calacatta Gold, Bardiglio Cloud, Bianco Carrara, & Seagrass limestone.

STAIN ZONES



- Entry ways, kitchen floors, corridors, living room floors, fireplace hearth, & countertops.
- Recommended materials:
 - Floors: Calacatta Gold, Bianco Carrara, Rockwood, Bardiglio Cloud, Nero Marquina
 - Countertops: Calacatta Gold, Bianco Carrara, Bardiglio Cloud

COMMERCIAL ZONES



- **Please inquire about the types of commercial projects before specifying.**
- *Recommended materials:*
 - Floors: Calacatta Gold, Bardiglio Cloud, Bianco Carrara, Seagreass limestone.
 - Walls: Cashmere White, Rockwood, Thassos, Bianco Carrara, Nero Marquina, Calacatta Gold, Bardiglio Cloud, Dolomite, Blu Grigio.

OTHER MARBLES

- **Please contact orderdesk@zcollection.com before specifying the below marbles:**
 - Verde Alpi (and other green marbles)
 - Rosso Levante (and similar burgundy marbles)
 - **These require precaution and must be set with specialty products. Dry applications only.**

When in doubt, call us at 503.419.9786 or email us at orderdesk@zcollection.com.