

# Expert Advice from Steve Bristow Stone Masonry



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## Is granite the most hard-wearing surface?

Granite is undoubtedly one of the toughest work-surfaces around, it is hard-wearing, practical and hygienic, however, you must ensure that the very finest quality granite is used or you may find it can develop weak points. Also the manner in which it is measured and fitted is crucial, badly fitted work-surfaces not only look dreadful but are also more at risk of incurring chips and scratches.

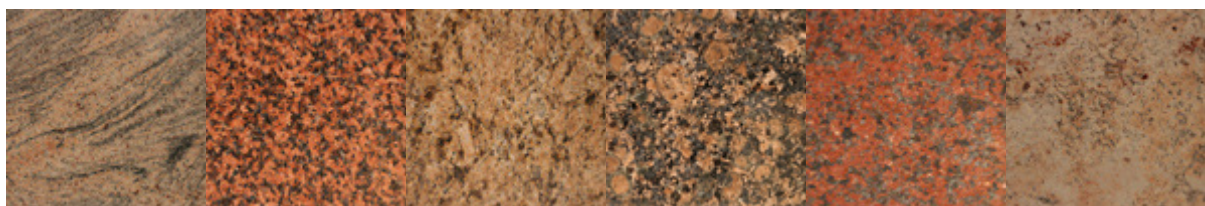
## Can granite be repaired?

Yes. If your granite work-top receives some wear and tear there are some remedies that can be taken but only by experts. Chips and scratches can be invisibly repaired by granite specialists and most stains removed with specialist products and solutions. However it is fair to say that turmeric and cast iron pans should always be handled with care.

## How can I look after my new worktop?

- Granite must not be treated with abrasive materials such as metal scouring pads or metal brushes nor scouring powders or bleach instead use a gentle detergent. Use warm water and dry and buff with a cloth or chamois leather
- Spilt liquids should be cleaned straight away to avoid staining. Alkaline and Acidic liquids are more likely to cause damage such as vinegars and oils
- Don't allow the granite to be bashed with anything heavy as cracks may occur
- Always use a chopping board to avoid the risk of marking the surface
- Don't apply direct heat to the granite such as a hot pan, instead use pot rest

Granites



Marbles

