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A Touch of Stone

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Cashiers Designer Showhouse

August 25, 2023 - September 2, 2023

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Atlanta Homes & Lifestyles' Reader Day

August 10, 2023 @ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm

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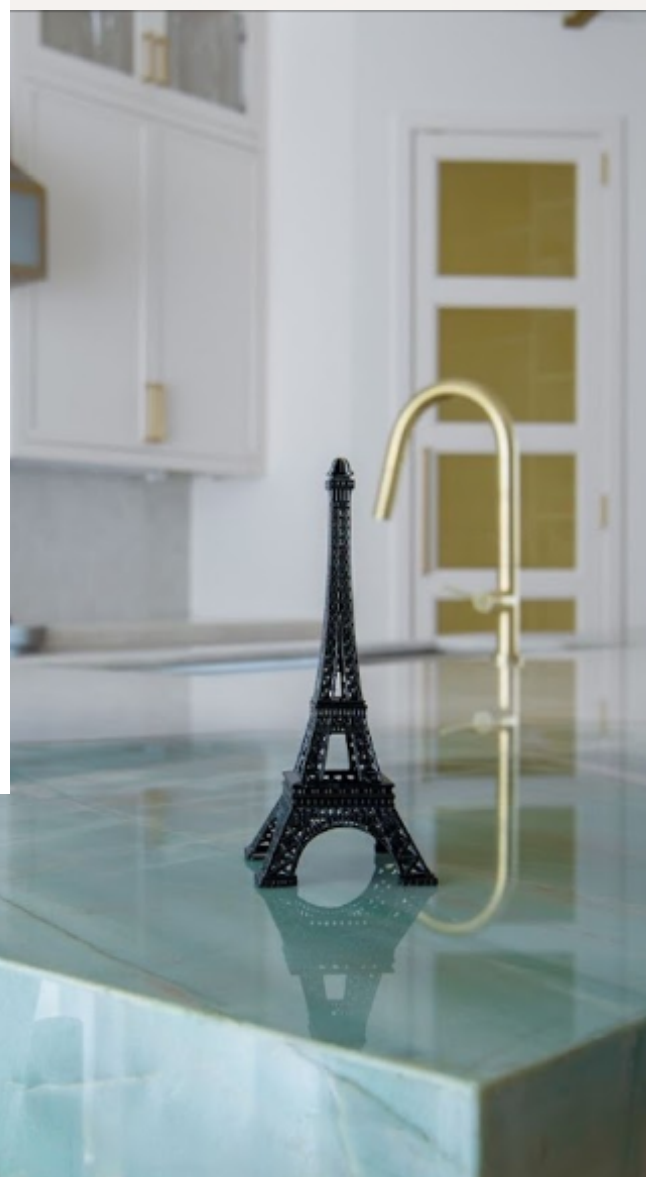
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

To Live & Dine Tour Of The Tables

August 21- August 25, 2023

351 Peachtree Hills Ave NE

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Stone Studies (We love marble and won't take it for granite 🤔)

Marvelous Marble

Marble is renowned for its elegance and timeless beauty. It comes in a wide range of colors and intricate veining patterns, adding a luxurious and sophisticated look to any kitchen or bathroom.

In the home, marble is a versatile piece: flooring, wall cladding, kitchen backsplashes, and more. Marble is an excellent choice if you're searching for a countertop material for your kitchen or bathroom. It's gorgeous, one-of-a-kind, and long-lasting enough to work in any household. Furthermore, being a natural stone that has been used as a classical item for many years, it will undoubtedly remain timeless. Marble is a beautiful accent to any house, big or small.

Marble naturally contains antibacterial and antimicrobial properties. Its high density and low porosity do not retain bacteria and allergens and drives them away. The stone resists mold and other bacteria making it an excellent choice for homes with small children and people with allergies.

Marble Recap:

- Marble is a highly esteemed material known for its beauty and versatility
- Marble is durable when properly cared for with regular sealing
- The natural properties of marble reduce bacteria and allergens contributing to a cleaner and healthier environment



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Designer Spotlight: Valerie Garrett



Question 1: What makes you choose between stone and quartz?

I really like a stone when I want a beautiful marble or quartzite and also when I want a richer movement. I tend to do quartz when I want a cleaner application, particularly in a bathroom when I might have more pattern in the tile.

Question 2: How do you incorporate stone or quartz in your designs?

There are so many applications- From the expected countertops/backsplashes to fireplace and wall surrounds. In kitchens, sculleries, and wet bars I use it mainly for countertops and backsplashes. In Bathrooms I also will use for walls and flooring. A beautiful book matched pattern is always a favorite of mine.

Question 3: What Influences or inspires your design choices?

My clients first and foremost. It all starts with their needs and design preferences, and we build from there. We have a wonderful "like/dislike" process that we take all of our clients through so we can curate an elevated design for them.

Question 4: Do you have a favorite stone and what is the name?

I love Calacatta Macchia Vecchia. It's veining and mix of soft white, warm camel and black is just spectacular. In fact, we have 3 beautiful slabs selected for one of our projects right now.

Question 5: When choosing a stone or a quartz, do you choose first the color pallet or the movement of the stone? Which is predominant in your choice?

It depends on the mood of the space that we're trying to invoke. Is it clean? Or can we have some personality? Does it need movement? What will my client appreciate, and what does the space need to bring it all home.

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Question 6: What is your opinion on manmade products?

They have come such a long way. I'm amazed by some of the porcelains and the pattern choices. I've found it incredibly helpful having more options for my clients.

Question 7: Have you ever designed a room around a slab just because you loved it even if it was not your original concept? How did you handle that?

I certainly have! I just designed a Powder Room doing a stunning slab of Monto Oro on the entire back wall when we originally were just going to do the skirt sink, counter and backsplash. But the slab was so beautiful and the size was perfect to do the whole wall.

Question 8: When you first look at a project do you know immediately what stone you will use, or does it take time?

Sometimes it is instant, and the project brings to mind something I've seen before. Sometimes it isn't, and other pieces have to come together first. always want to explore. We are so fortunate to be in Atlanta with so many outstanding suppliers who always have new arrivals!

Question 9: What stone has surprised you most when it was installed?

I'm always taken aback when we use a natural stone that is backlit. Nothing can quite prepare you for the feeling when the switch of the light illuminates the veining.

Question 10: Do you have any predictions on future stone design trends?

This year, expect to see more marble, nostalgia-fueled design, and touches of luxury in unexpected places.

