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A Touch of Stone



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Hello Stoneworld aficionados,

The month of October sped by with some great projects we wrapped up and some new ones in the horizon that cannot wait to start! The Luxury Living Show was an incredible success. Thank you for the all who came and supported us!

November is full of fun events. My favorite one of the year is "The home for the Holidays" showhouse! It requires tons of preparation and tons of patience as we have to produce all of the counter tops for an entire house in less than 2 weeks of time. All I can say is HGTV has NOTHING on us !!! 😊

I cannot wait to share with you all of the great things we are doing and trying to wrap up for the start of the show November 16th. See you there!

November's sense of Gratitude is certainly in full swing as I cannot express enough how grateful I am for all of your support, encouragement, understanding during what we call "this Crazy Season of the year!"

Everyday, I get to meet amazing people that bring so much fun, challenges and love into each project and YOU certainly are the reason I love what I do. November is also synonymous of Family... So please take the time to cherish all of the moments you have with your loved ones.

To all of the people who remodeled their kitchen this year, I can't wait to hear what your family thought of your new spaces and for all of the others, I am here to assist as soon as you are ready! Thank you for being the best part of my job!

Happy Thanksgiving to all! 😊

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Holiday Happenings:

Home For The Holiday's Designer Showhouse

Dates: November 16 - December 10, 2023

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Stone Studies: Gratitude for the beauty of Onyx

Outstanding Onyx

Unlike other natural stone countertops forged deep within the earth's crust, onyx is formed on the surface from ground or spring water with an abundance of calcite dissolved in it. Onyx is an exotic natural stone that makes a breathtaking impression when used as a counter top. It easily becomes the centerpiece of the space, especially when you incorporate backlighting. When a slab of onyx is able to be backlit, it takes on a completely new aesthetic showcasing the veining with a subtle glow.

Onyx is the most well loved by people but is the most rarely used due to its fragility and maintenance.

Onyx is lighter than any other Natural Stone, so it is a perfect application for walls.

Without Backlight



Backlit



Onyx Countertops: Pro's and Con's:

Pro's:

- It is gorgeous and possesses a unique appearance
- Most colorful variety of Natural Stone
- Its translucence makes it seem delicate to the touch. This property allows light to shine through when placed behind the stone, allowing you to have it backlit

Con's

- Fragile and requires a great deal of maintenance to protect the Natural Stone
- It is among the most expensive due to its rareness
- You will need to seal it routinely and use a special cleaner



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Designer Spotlight:

Katherine Kidd



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

The material I choose depends on the location, the function, and the aesthetics - and of course, the homeowners, and what their needs, wants, and lifestyles require.

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

It depends on the design and on the stone. Sometimes the stone is the feature, in which case the rest of the design would work around the stone as the wow-factor. I love thinking outside the box for new ways to incorporate stone.

Question 3: What Influences or inspires your design choices?

In general, my designs are influenced by the overall style of the home and its elements and surroundings. Regarding stone, I'm usually inspired the stone itself. When I see something I fall in love with, I will find a place to use it and work the rest of the design around it.

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

This changes regularly as I see new materials, but right now it's the leathered Chantilly marble from Walker Zanger. It has a warm, soft, beautiful, and an organic, yet luxurious vibe.

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?

Definitely the color palette first.

Question 6: What is your opinion on manmade products?

I love having choices for man-made products and natural stone. There is a need for both - and I will oftentimes work them in together, even in the same space - as they both serve a specific function.



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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?

Yes! I have done this many times. I always tell clients, when you fall in love with something - use it! The rest of the elements can adapt, pair, and complement the item you love the most.

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

It takes time. Even if you know between quartz and stone for functional purposes, it still takes time to select the perfect slab(s).

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

Without question, soapstone. As beautiful as I think It Is going to be I find It Is always even more gorgeous!

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

Personally, I lean towards trends that are more timeless (although, this might not actually be trendy :) I love the modern and contemporary trends, so I'd definitely lean that way over more traditional trends.

