



PLATINO DARK QUARTZITE

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Gray is a popular color for kitchen countertops, especially in modern and transitional homes, but I don't see this as just a trend.

Gray is a classic color, one that stands the test of time, yet always appears fresh. That's why a natural stone like Platino Dark quartzite is an exciting option to install. CRS Marble & Granite has partnered exclusively with Brazilian stone extraction and processing company Thor Granitos to bring our customers a beautiful natural stone option like Platino Dark. This quarry recently previewed this product to fanfare at Vitória Stone Fair Latin America.

What's so special about Platino Dark? For one, it makes a strong statement with gorgeous dark gray to black veining on a gray background with gradations from light to dark gray. It's a good choice for large surfaces such as kitchen islands, floors, and fireplace surrounds, but its durability does not limit it to indoor use. Platino Dark helps homeowners build a modern look in their designs based on its color and the sleek and simple movement of its veining. Due to its high density and durability, it can be finished in many ways—polished, honed, or brushed. As a natural stone, quartzite is known for heat resistance, hardness, and reflecting the look of marble without the maintenance. Platino Dark is no exception.





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Although photos of both quarried and installed slabs are quite attractive, it's best to choose this stone in person. Installing new stone countertops happens, on average, no more than once every fifteen years. It's a big decision and one you'll want to make in person at the supplier's showroom and not via photos on the web, where colors can be deceiving. What you see online may be the perfect vision of your dream kitchen or fireplace surround, but it's best to back that up with the full experience of visiting

the showroom in person and seeing the actual slab you are considering. Remember, quartzite is a natural stone created in the earth and, as such, there will be slight variations from slab to slab.

Don't take my word about the beauty of Platino Dark quartzite. Visit our showroom to see for yourself if this natural stone is a good match for your home design project. ♦

Contact Sunny Surana at **CRS MARBLE & GRANITE'S** Raleigh showroom at 7521 Exhibit Court, visit **CRSGRANITE.COM**, or call **919-784-9282**.



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