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# CHEERS FOR CRYSTOS

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QUARTZITE IS A TOP CONTENDER IN THE WORLD OF NATURAL STONES, ESPECIALLY FOR KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS, BECAUSE OF ITS RESISTANCE TO HEAT, SCRATCHES, AND EVERYDAY WEAR-AND-TEAR.

Design consultants at CRS never assume the type of material homeowners need. The consultant asks a series of questions about the homeowner's lifestyle to connect them with the type of finish that best fits how they live. Do they have a large or small family? Do they enjoy entertaining? Does someone really like to cook? Are they careful about placing hot pots and pans on the countertop, or do they prefer not to worry about this? It's an organic conversation that helps us better understand needs and desires. Often a homeowner walks into the showroom and tells us marble is completely off the table, but when we show them our selection of polished, hard, honed, or leathered marble, they change their mind. Or sometimes the diversity of CRS' line of quartz or Infinity's Italian porcelain has the right color,

composition, and durability for their family. This dialogue between homeowners and designers is integral to finding the perfect addition to any home.

In addition to its gem-like beauty, quartzite is popular for its minimal maintenance. Since it only requires sealing once a year, it is ideal for high-functioning households and suitable for any application, including countertops, shower walls, fireplace surrounds, backsplashes, and indoor-outdoor kitchens.

We have recently introduced a new quartzite, Crystos, with rave reviews. This quartzite features a background of black and moody shades of gray with elegant, ivory crosshatch veining and pops of rosy, warm gold. It is a welcome, dramatic counterpoint to an otherwise Zen space.

Homeowners and designers can peruse CRS' dog-friendly showroom to view more than four hundred stone options, the largest selection in the Southeast, and compare them side by side. There really is no better way to choose stone for a home than in person and with the guidance of a knowledgeable consultant. It's important to note that a stone can look different or be treated





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differently from supplier to supplier, but CRS’ natural stones never undergo color-enhancing treatments or fillers. All are simply as beautiful as nature intended and showcased in our newly remodeled showroom with

natural lighting and a climate-controlled environment. Bring the whole family, including Fido, and choose your quartzite, quartz, marble, soapstone, porcelain, or granite on site and with an informed opinion. ♦