



ROCKS!

WHAT MAKES A GREAT SEAM?

Why are some seams noticeable and some nearly invisible?

Three different factors affect how invisible or how noticeable a stone countertop's seam appears.

- 1) Width of Seam
- 2.) Grain Match
- 3) Glue color match.

WIDTH OF SEAM

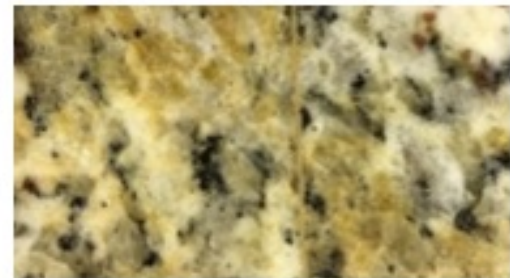
It might look like "fat seams" are not touching each other and the glue is simply filling the gap. Actually what has happened is the top edge that is fractured or missing large grain particles that are being filled in. The two halves are touching each other and can't get any closer.

Different stones will produce different width seams. Fine grain stones lose very little grain in the top edge and large grain stones lose larger grains in the cutting process

The stone itself causes this variable not the machine, blade, or tool preparing it. We have developed a proprietary technique of progressively slow sanding at higher grits and lower pressure to produce a crisper edge.



Competitors (Saw Cut) Seam

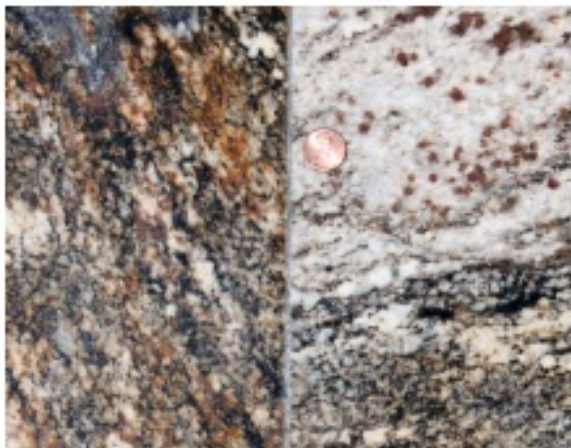


High Tech (CNC Machine) Seam



Our Proprietary Seam

GRAIN MATCH



Stones with little to no variation or a tight pattern do not have this issue as much as widely patterned stones do. Our optional digital slab layout offers clients a hi-resolution photographic system to align a seam in their individual slab imposed on their templated layout. Allowing them to actually see the finished product before it is even cut! Coupled with premium book matched slabs and our proprietary seam prep we can consistently produce the tightest and least visible seam in the industry.

GLUE COLOR MATCH



Seam in Typhoon Bordeaux

Tighter seams show less glue. The challenge is not creating a glue color, but is balancing the variety of colors in a wild varied stone into one glue that works the entire length of the seam. Allowing the customer to participate and approve the glue color BEFORE it goes into the seam is key, as "beauty is in the eye of the beholder". A tighter seam with less visible glue minimizes the visual impact of the glue in the first place!

Solution! We always invite customers to participate in the glue creation process before it is applied to the seam

ENGINEERING THE PERFECT SEAM



Engineering a great seam isn't quite as simple as pushing two pieces together. A lot of care goes into the fabrication of the sides to get a tight and lasting fit. First we triple mill the top area smooth to aid in the bonding. Next the area is highly textured to provide maximum area for the two sides to bond together. Finally, grooves are created to form pockets that create a chemical biscuit, much like a wood biscuit, adding additional strength.

STRAIGHT FORWARD VANITY PROGRAM

We've rolled out our super simple vanity program. One price fits any door style or color. Price is dependent upon vanity size and configuration. Customers and contractors can pick from the most popular styles with confidence from WayPoint Living Spaces. Free in-home delivery, 28 day lead time, and quality construction makes this simplified program easy for all!



Employee of the Month!

Brandon is another invaluable member of the Stone Master's Team. His stone experience goes back over 14 years when he first started in polishing and fabrication.

Knowing all aspects of the process, makes Brandon a pleasure to work with in the field. He loves interacting with contractors and homeowners to help bring the final elements of the countertop's design and function together.

As a result Brandon is very detailed oriented and thoughtful in his templates. He's a family-man to the core and father to four sweet girls (ask he'll love to show pictures!).



Templator: Brandon Macauley