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Dealing with the Tough: a Guide on Selecting Granite Tiles by [Robbie Marinero](#)

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We associate the word "tiles" with those thin, square-shaped pieces made of hard materials used to cover rooftops, bathroom floors, walls, and kitchen sinks. Tiles have been in use since the time of the Romans. Tiles serve to beautify certain areas of our houses, as well as protect them.

Tiles can be classified into three categories: ceramic, quarry, and stone. Ceramic tiles are made by firing clay materials like sand and gypsum to temperatures as high as 2500 degrees Fahrenheit to strengthen them while applying glaze before or after the firing process. Quarry tiles used to be extracted from quarries, but manufacturers have recently discovered a way to produce tiles with a glassy consistency as tough as stone. Stone tiles are usually made of granite.

Ceramic tiles are usually cheap and used to decorate floors due to their durability and beauty. They are considered durable because they can withstand very high temperatures. Ceramic tiles are easy to clean due to their smooth surface. Quarry tiles are also very durable and good for flooring. Granite tiles offer the same benefits as ceramic tiles, but they are relatively more expensive. The higher price charged for granite tiles is justified though.

Among the three types of tiles, the granite tile is the best in terms of visual appeal. This is because granite has a colorful and coarse yet finely grained surface. Granite tiles are also versatile because they can be used for countertops as well as floors. They are also durable, provided they are given proper care.

Granite tiles are ideal for people who want to add a touch of style to their homes or offices. Even while living a fast-paced lifestyle in cities like Ottawa, homeowners should never forget to look after their homes. Tiles made of granite Ottawa residents can use should serve the practical and aesthetic needs of homeowners.

An Ottawa granite tile dealer should be able to provide a wide variety of tiles for an equally wide variety of needs. The prices they charge for their tiles should justify their quality. The dealer should also be able to provide advice on the installation and maintenance of tiles. For example, harsh cleaners must be avoided.

If you live in the suburban areas of Ottawa like Kanata, you need not worry. There are also Kanata granite tile dealers. For more information on choosing tiles, you can read [ehow.com/how\\_10576\\_buy-tile.html](http://ehow.com/how_10576_buy-tile.html), [ytc-tiles.com/articles/choosing-tile-tips.shtml](http://ytc-tiles.com/articles/choosing-tile-tips.shtml) and [decoratingforum.com.au/showthread.php/choosing-tiles-for-146.html?t=146](http://decoratingforum.com.au/showthread.php/choosing-tiles-for-146.html?t=146).

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