

# VEINING AND VARIATION IN NATURAL STONE

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NATURAL STONE EXTRACTION FROM A QUARRY

Natural stone is a product of the earth, formed by water, minerals, and lava for thousands of years. Some stones, such as travertine, display dynamic linear patterns forged by a slow layering of minerals over the years. Other stones, like marble, feature brilliant colors and bold veining created by extreme pressure and temperature. These endless variations are what make natural stone tiles so unique and why we celebrate these materials in design.



NERO MARQUINA 3" X 6" HONED MARBLE



ROSA NORVEGIA 12" X 24" POLISHED MARBLE

Differences in pattern, color, and movement are an inherent part of the beauty of natural stone. Each tile a one-of-a-kind work of art crafted by Mother Nature and no two pieces are ever alike. Let's explore some examples of what these variations could look like.

## ■ Veining Variations



CALCATTÀ ORO 18" X 18" POLISHED MARBLE



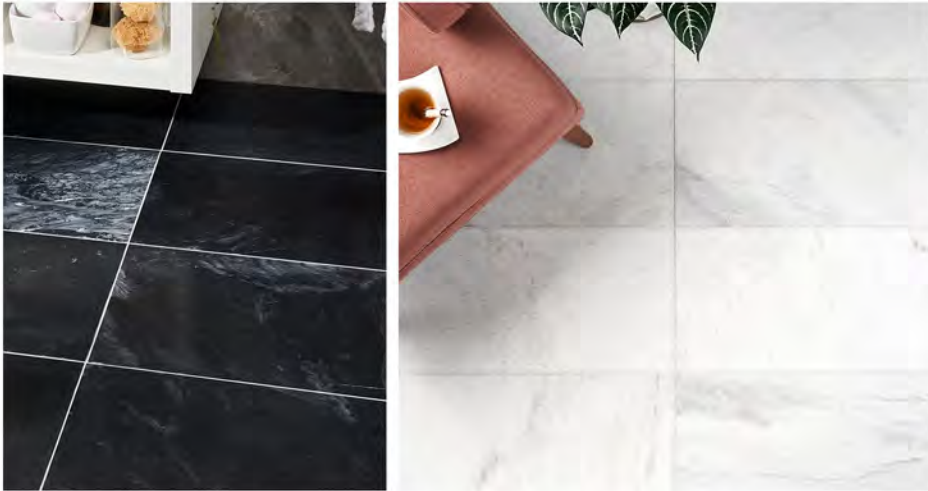
NERO DORATO 12" X 24" HONED MARBLE



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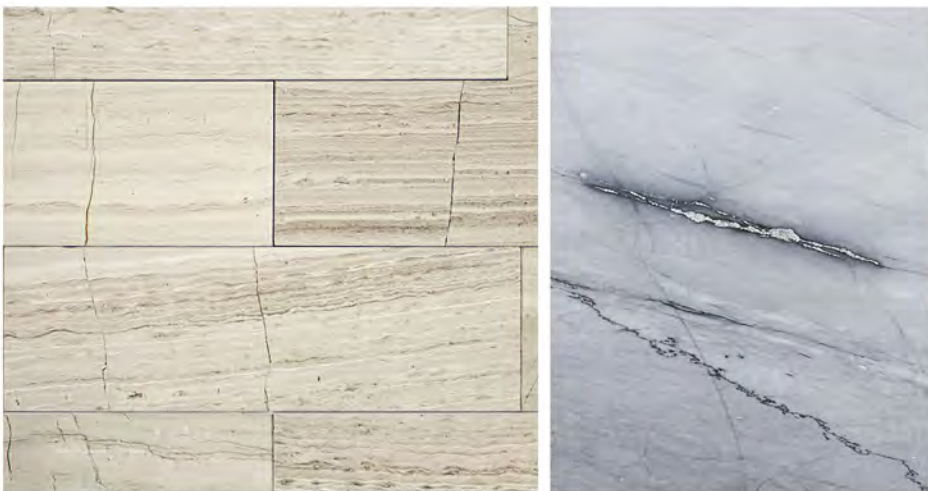
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## Color Variations



NERO PORTUGAL 12" X 24" HONED MARBLE ALASKA WHITE 12" X 24" HONED MARBLE

## Natural Fissures



WOODEN BEIGE 4" X 12" HONED MARBLE

HALLEY GRAY 12" X 24" POLISHED MARBLE

## Designing with Natural Stone

Designing with natural stone tiles calls for embracing and highlighting its natural movement and variability. Here are a few suggestions for a successful natural stone installation:



SALAZAR 12" X 24" HONED MARBLE

- 1 Select the right stone for you**  
Some stones naturally offer more color and pattern consistency than others. While variation is expected in every stone, the spectrum starts from subtle tonal differences all the way to significant variability.
- 2 Order samples**  
With a wide array of different stones, it is recommended to order several samples to be able to visualize more accurately the finish, texture, and color of your chosen tile.
- 3 Dry lay your tiles before installation**  
Whether you're installing a backsplash, a feature wall, or an entire floor, deciding on the final layout of the tiles before installation can help you make sure that the final look fits your design vision.