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### **DESIGNER'S CHOICE STONE**

Natural stone thin veneer is a captivating alternative to full stone. It was developed to give architects, designers, builders and homeowners a choice that expands their creativity.

### **FULL VENEER**

Typically 3 to 5 inches in depth

Requires a foundation footing

Installed with wall ties

Average 35 to 40 square feet per ton coverage

Strong and time-tested method of installation

### ADVANTAGES OF THIN STONE

Same high quality stone as full veneer

Typically 3/4" to 1 1/2" in depth

Similar in weight to artificial stone

Reduced weight allows it to be installed where full veneer cannot or is too difficult

Requires no foundation footing - it's supported by the wall rather than the footing

Average of 135 square feet per ton coverage

Long lasting durability that's based on proven track record over centuries with full veneer

Each piece is different and unique, allowing a creative and custom pattern

Similar in costs to artificial stone - only it's the real thing!

### NATURAL FACES

### **OF STONE**



Natural stone supports a green lifestyle

### SPLITFACE

Stone that has been broken by a hydraulic splitter to a specific size

### SEAMFACE

A vertical crack in the quarry that is exposed to the elements, often showing coloration; this is the edge of the stone.

### WEATHERED EDGE

This is a natural alteration by either chemical or mechnical processes due to the action of atmospheric conditions, surface waters, soil and other groundwaters, along with temperature changes. This has more of a grooved or textured face.

### **BEDFACE**

The natural top or bottom of a layered stone = a flagstone face. It's also called natural cleft.



**SPLITFACE** 



**SEAMFACE** 



**WEATHERED EDGE** 



BEDFACE

### RAKED JOINT

### GROUTING

### **TECHNIQUES**

### **Grouting Techniques**

Throughout our entire brochure our swatches focus on the beauty and color of the stone. We do this because grout, and sometimes the lack of it, has an amazing impact on the look of the final product.

There are three factors that are very important in stone masonry:

Selecting the right stone for the project Selecting a good mason Selecting an appropriate grout technique

There are three distinct stone grout techniques that masons can do:

### Raked Joint

Also known as a standard joint, is achieved by laying each stone roughly one finger width apart from each other, then grouting between each stone. Once the mortar is semi-dry it is later "raked" with a variety of masonry tools to ultimately achieve a consistent depth.

### Flush Joint

A flush joint is when a trowel is held flat against the stone or brick and moved along the surface, so as to cut away the excess mortar. The resulting joint is flush with the stone.

### Overgrout Joint

The grout overlaps the face of the stone, widending the joints and making them very irregular. This technique tends to give the stone a rustic and aged appearance.

Always have your mason make a mock-up of the grout technique you wish to use prior to beginning the actual installation so you understand how the stone will look on a larger scale.



### **ESTIMATING QUANTITIES**

Two components: flats and corners, are used for most installations. Flats are applied to the flat wall surface and are ordered in square feet. Corners are applied to the outside corners and are ordered in linear feet. Using corners around window and door openings provides added dimension and depth and enhances the finished design.

### **DETERMINE THE TOTAL PROJECT SQUARE FOOTAGE**Multiply the length (in feet) times the height (in feet) of each

surface area to be covered.

### SUBTRACT WINDOWS, DOORS OR OTHER OPENINGS

Calculate the square footage occupied by windows, doors and other openings. Subtract this amount from the project square footage.

### DETERMINE THE LINEAR FOOTAGE OF CORNER PIECES NEEDED

Measure the linear feet of outside corner areas to be covered including any doorways and windows that will have corners.

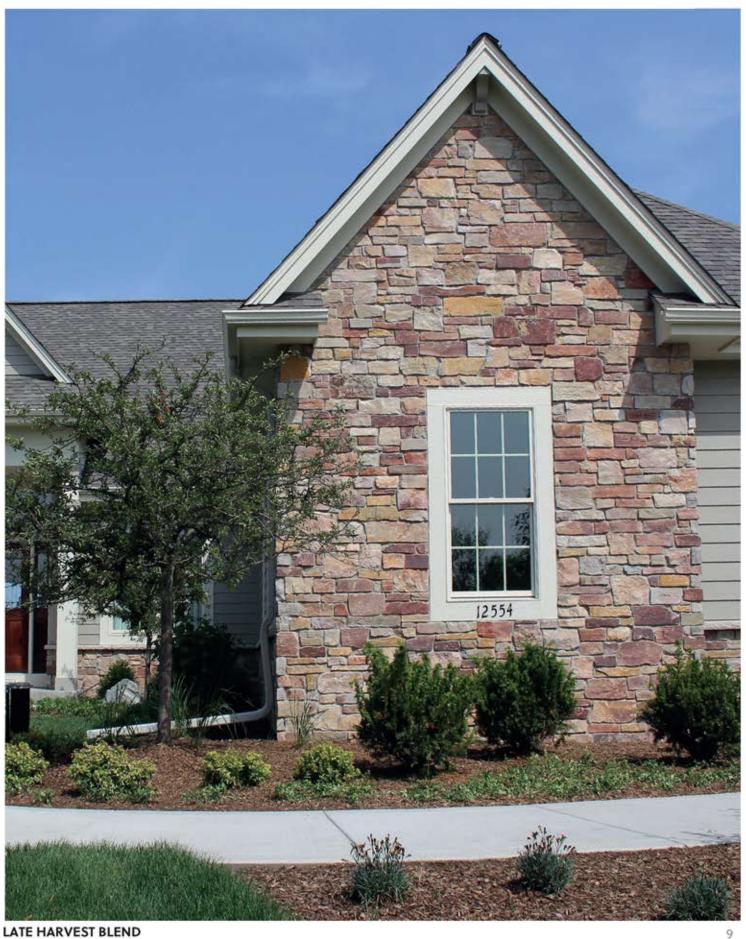
### DETERMINE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF FLAT PIECES REQUIRED

Divide the linear foot of corner pieces needed by 2 (one linear foot of corner veneer equals approximately 1/2 square foot of flat veneer) and subtract this corner square footage from the total project square footage. This will give you the square footage of flat veneer required.





MOOSE JAW ASHLAR



**Designer's Choice Stone** is presented in eight collections. Each collection celebrates the harmony of nature and your personality. Our sales staff will work closely with you and your designer or architect to help you choose the right stone for your project.

### Can't find the exact stone to match your vision?

Custom blends are available upon request.

Natural stone is more than a rock used in constrution. It is naturally elegant, pure, and a solid indication of your personality.

Using Designer's Choice Stone presents an authentic image to others and cultivates a deeper form of integrity. Nature makes no excuses, puts on no disguises, hides absolutely nothing, and never settles for less than the real thing. Only natural stone can make these claims.

Throughout our brochure a variety of stone profiles are shown, for the most part, we focus more on the texture and color of the stone.

### MOON SHADOW ASHLAR







SILVER LAKE GREY

KID'S CREEK BLEND

### Want to make an appointment?

### What can I expect at a stone selection appointment?

During a stone selection appointment, you and a representative will go through the process of finding an ideal stone for you. We will go through your preferences, project time frame, pricing, and more to ensure you get the perfect fit.

### Do I need to bring anything with me?

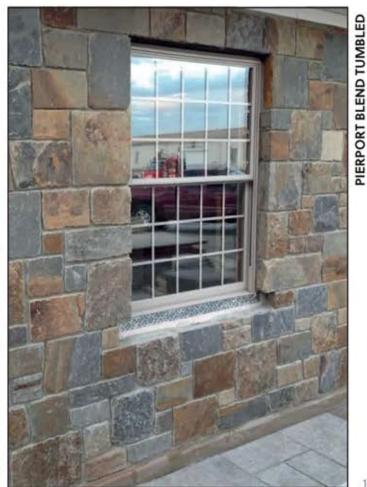
Not at all, but if you do have it, we ask that you bring any of the items listed below so we can better help you in finding the best option.

- 1) Measurements of the area you are adding stone to
- 2) Photo ideas of similar stone you would like to match
- 3) Information on the builder and/or mason you are using (if applicable)

### CRYSTAL LAKE BLEND







# \$11.95 PER SFT



EIGHTH ST. DIMENSIONAL

The **Central Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone combines a wide variety of stones into one beautiful blend. They represent a mixture of weathered edge, splitface, and bedface. No matter what your vision, Designer's Choice Stone can help bring it to reality. Most options are available in both full veneer and thin stone veneer or also known as thin cut veneer.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 8" to 30"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold and rusty orange



**EIGHTH ST. DIMENSIONAL** 



WHITETAIL ASHLAR



MOOSE JAW TUMB ASHLAR



WHITETAIL LEDGE 246



**SHORELINE LEDGE 246** 



FRESH WATER ASHLAR



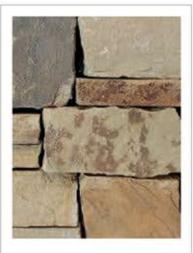
SUNRISE ASHLAR



**CENTRAL CREAM STK 468** 



CENTRAL ASHLAR



WEST END ASHLAR

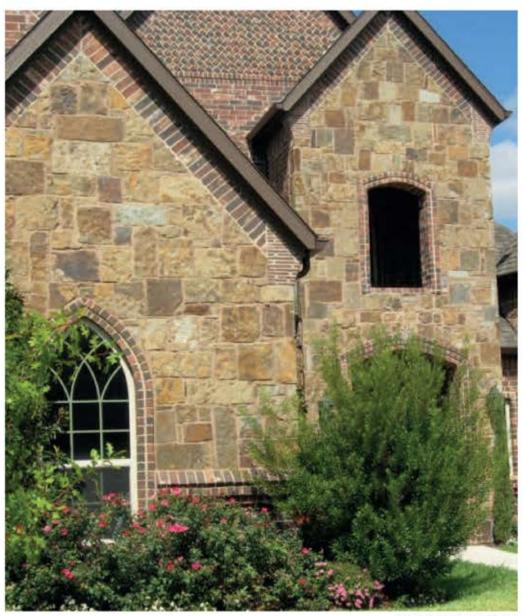


**OVERCAST STACK 486 TILE** 



PLATINUM ASHLAR

# \$12.95 PER SFT



**BROWN ALE BLEND** 

The **Boardman Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone adds a rustic beauty that cannot be duplicated with artificial stone. The collection incorporates natural free form giving your project a timeless Old World look to be enjoyed for years to come.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 8" to 30"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold and rusty orange





KIDS CREEK BLEND



**GREYHAWK ASHLAR** 



**GRANDVIEW GREY BLEND** 



**BEAR LAKE BUFF** 



NORTHPORT BUFF



**BROWN ALE BLEND** 



**CHERRY SWIRL** 



BASS LAKE MOSAIC



**DUBONNET BLEND** 



**WELLINGTON TUMBLED** 



**CAIRN BLEND** 

### \$14.95 PER SFT



LAKE ANN BLEND

The **Old Town Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone is one of the most beautiful collections of natural stone available. This is a selection of stones that are set in a random ashlar pattern dominated with taller or blocky pieces. The blends may consist of bedface, splitface or hand-rockfaced pieces. As the name suggests, you will attain a rugged or formal look however your installation is done.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 3" to 10"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold, grey, brown and rusty orange











ARCADIA LEDGE

DARK RIVER BLEND







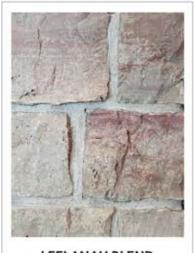
**BOWERS HARBOR BLEND** 



**NORTH BAR BLEND** 



WEST BAY BLEND



**LEELANAU BLEND** 



**ELMWOOD** 



SUTTONS BAY COBBLE



GOOD HARBOR BLEND

### \$16.95 PER SFT



**KEWADIN BLEND** 

The Mid Town Collection from Designer's Choice Stone is one of our most popular ashlar shaped profiles. The ageless beauty of natural stone is exemplified with the Mid Town Collection. This collection offers blends of weathered edge, seamface and snapped edge stone which will determine size, texture and color. Depending on how it is installed, you can vary the final look of your project.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 2" to 12"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold, grey, carbondale and rusty orange











**TORCH LAKE BLEND** 

**GLEN ARBOR GREY** 

SILVER LAKE GREY









**LELAND COBBLEFIELD** 

MANITOU RUSTIC

SOUTH BAR BLEND

**FISHTOWN BLEND** 



STONEY POINT BLEND



CROSSROADS MIX



BELLAIRE

# \$18.95 PER SFT



**SLABTOWN BLEND** 

The **Slab Town Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone is a style of stones that are very rugged and irregular. These stones are irregularly shaped pieces of bedface stone. The random shapes and sizes of these rough-edge stones create exciting patterns for both contemporary and rustic classics

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 8" to 30"

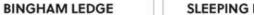
Color tones: beige, tan, gold and rusty orange











SLEEPING BEAR LEDGE

**EMPIRE DUNES BLEND** 

MACKINAC STAKLEDGE



INTERLOCHEN BLEND



**ONEKEMA STAKLEDGE** 



OLD MISSION BLEND



**CRYSTAL LAKE BLEND** 







SLABTOWN BLEND

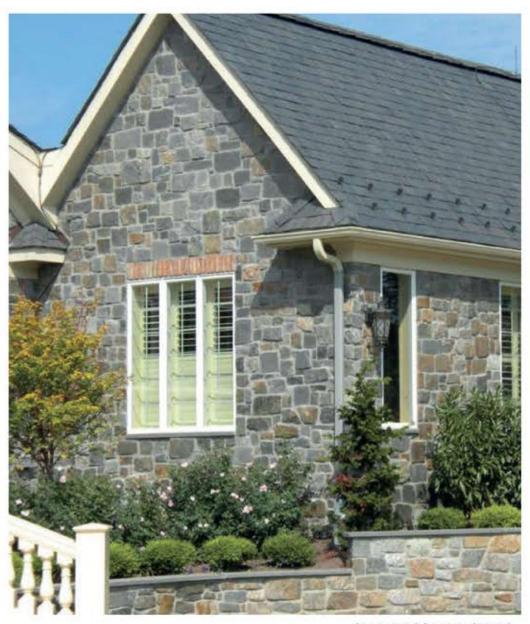


**TORCH BAY RUSTIC** 



**OLD TOWN TUMBLED** 

# \$18.95 PER SFT



SPARKLE SQ. AND STRIPS

The **Oak Park Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone isn't limited to just exteriors and facades. More and more, stone is finding its way inside homes. Stone brings warmth and character to stainless-steel kitchens. It introduces subtle color to bedrooms, dining rooms and bathrooms. With its dazzling array of tones and textures, our Oak Park Collection is an incredibly expressive building material.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 8" to 30"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold, grey and rusty orange



STILLWATER LEDGE



NORTHWOODS LEDGE



OLD RIVERBED LEDGE



SPARKLE SQ. & STRIPS



**SOUTH BAY GRANITE IREG** 



**ROCKY SHORE LEDGE** 



STONE TRAIL LEDGE



HIGH WATER LEDGE



SHADOW SQ. & STRIPS



**NORTHWIND SQ. & STRIPS** 



LEGEND SQ. & STRIPS



LONE PINE SQ. & STRIPS

### \$19.95 PER SFT



MOON SHADOW ASHLAR

The **Manitou Collection** from Designer's Choice Stone brings color to the forefront. With a variety of vibrant colors, the Manitou Collection promotes uniqueness. It illustrates the strength and beauty of granite. Depending on how it is installed, you can create a look that identifys your project with your tastes.

Heights: 2" to 6" and 6" to 9" | Lengths: 8" to 30"

Color tones: beige, tan, gold, brown, purple, green, grey and orange





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**BIRCH ASHLAR** 



**BIRCH SQ RECT** 





CEDAR LEDGE



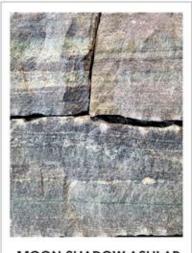
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FOREST LEDGE



**FOREST SQ RECT** 



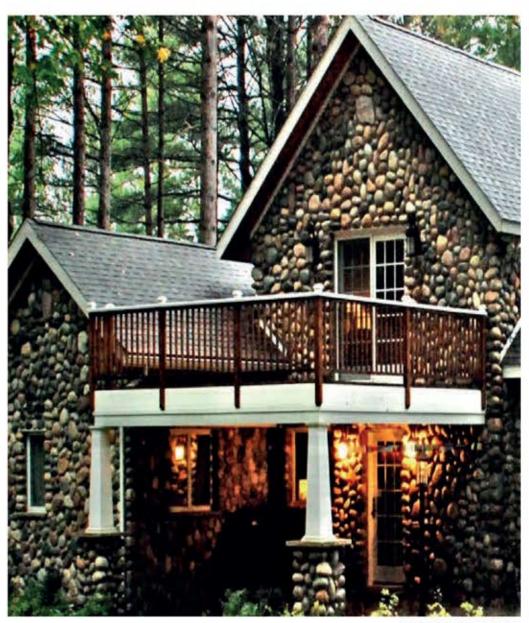
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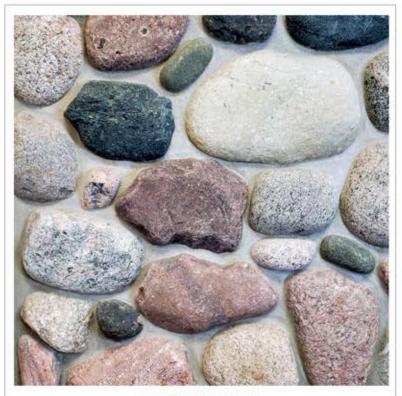
MICHIGAN COBBLE RENDER CONSTRUCTION

The Rustic Collection from Designer's Choice Stone adds a rustic beauty that can not be duplicated with artificial stone. The collection incorporates natural-free form boulders giving your project a timeless old world look to be enjoyed for years to come. Natural stone will give you an unparalleled beauty, quality and value. The Rustic Collection is available in both full veneer and thin stone veneer

Shapes: 2" to 6", 6" to 9" and 9" to 12" round

Color tones: beige, tan, gold and rusty orange

Texture: texture varies from collection to collection



MICHIGAN COBBLE



**CANADIAN COBBLE** 



MICHIGAN FARM ROCK



MICHIGAN SPLIT FIELD STONE



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