

## UNDERSTANDING

# VERSAILLES MARBLE

### The Beauty of Marble Lies in its Story

Few materials rival marble for beauty, heritage, and sheer presence. It has been treasured for centuries – chosen by sculptors, architects, and designers for its richness, depth, and sense of permanence. Each piece tells a story, formed over millennia and full of natural movement and character. Over time, marble softens and develops a gentle patina that makes it even more beautiful, creating interiors with soul and authenticity.

Our Versailles collection captures this timeless appeal – a family of rich, opulent marbles that bring drama and warmth to any space. Like all truly special materials, it rewards understanding and careful handling to bring out its best.



### The Nature of the Stone

Each marble in the Versailles collection has its own distinctive character. Their unique mineral content – such as the iron oxide compounds that create the deep Rouge tones – and the fractured geological conditions in which they formed, mean that some are naturally more delicate than others.

From time to time, tiles may break in transit, typically along fine fracture lines. This is not unusual for natural stone. We recommend laying these marbles only on solid, stable subfloors and setting aside any broken tiles for use as cuts where appropriate.

### The Strength Within

Many of the marbles in the Versailles collection are gently strengthened with resin, which is drawn into natural fissures through a specialist vacuum process. This allows the use of beautiful stones that might otherwise be too fragile, ensuring they can be enjoyed for years to come.

In most cases, the resin blends invisibly with the marble. Occasionally, you may see subtle translucent areas within a tile – these are part of the stone's natural story. However, if preferred, these pieces can be reserved for cuts to achieve the most consistent finish.



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### The Art of Blending

At the heart of every great marble installation lies the art of blending. Because marble is a natural material, each tile is unique – its tones, veins, and markings forming an individual expression of the earth. When thoughtfully balanced across a space, these differences create harmony and depth.

Before installation begins, we recommend the installer takes time to review and lay out the tiles from the batch. By doing so, they can plan the perfect blend – arranging pieces to create a natural, cohesive flow of colour and movement.

This might include flipping through the batch, placing the most dramatic pieces where they can shine, and using quieter tiles to create balance. Some may be set aside for cuts to avoid patchy areas or excessive contrast.

This is where craftsmanship and artistry meet – where an expert installer’s eye transforms a collection of beautiful tiles into a seamless, elegant whole.

### Caring for Darker Tones

Our Noir and Vert marbles are wonderfully dramatic, but as with all darker materials, they can show surface marks and dust more easily. During and after installation, we recommend taking care – covering the surface if other works are ongoing and using felt pads beneath furniture.

A good-quality sealant will help maintain the finish, and for an extra depth of colour, a specialist colour-enhancing stone sealant can be used to bring out the marble’s rich, polished tones.

### An Art as Much as a Science

Working with marble is both a craft and a privilege. Each piece is a fragment of history, shaped by nature and perfected by hand. When installed with understanding and care, it rewards you with a finish that is deeply luxurious, enduring, and alive with character.

Our Versailles marbles continue this long and storied tradition – elegant, expressive, and timelessly beautiful. When chosen and installed with an artist’s touch, they become more than just a surface: they become part of your home’s story, growing ever more beautiful with age.



Poorly blended Versailles Rouge



Well Blended Versailles Rouge