

Viola Marble Decision Checklist

A one-page planning aid from Vexkitch Kitchen Remodeling

Slab Selection

- ☐ View the slab in person — photos flatten veining and shift tones
- ☐ Check violet and gold hints; they vary slab to slab
- ☐ Choose finish: honed (hides etching) vs. polished (bolder veins)
- ☐ Ask the fabricator about vein-cut direction and bookmatching
- ☐ Confirm mitered waterfall corners keep veining continuous
- ☐ Bring cabinet door and flooring samples to the stone yard

Where to Use It / Where to Pull Back

- ☐ Give the stone one stage — usually the waterfall island
- ☐ Island OR full-height backsplash should win, not both
- ☐ Keep perimeter counters quieter if the island carries the drama
- ☐ Pull the perimeter tone from the marble's pale background
- ☐ Keep cabinets, hardware, and lighting in supporting roles

Pairing Decisions

- ☐ Cabinetry: white oak or warm greige / putty tones
- ☐ Hardware: one metal — matte black echoes veins, brass lifts gold tones
- ☐ Backsplash: simple handmade-look tile or honed solid surface
- ☐ Walls: warm off-white; sample next to the actual slab
- ☐ Flooring: pale oak or large-format light tile, quiet pattern
- ☐ Lighting: warm 2700–3000K to bring out violet and gold hints

Sealing & Maintenance Questions

- ☐ What sealer will be used, and how often should it be resealed?
- ☐ Which cleaners are safe — and which acids must be avoided?
- ☐ Where should cutting boards and trivets be used daily?
- ☐ Am I comfortable with marble developing a patina over time?
- ☐ Should busy prep zones use a tougher material than the island?