

# Muskoka Rock: Beyond the Patio

*Cut granite for a  
natural look*

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both inside and out,” declares Jeremy McCabe, General Manager of Muskoka Rock Company in Gravenhurst, which provides sawn natural granite products created in Muskoka using local stone. “Our exterior granite flagstone, building stone, and stair treads are accented perfectly by our random and dimensional interior flooring products, sills, and fireplace elements,” he says.

Muskoka Rock Company draws its raw stone from four different local quarry locations. This provides an appealing variety in stone colours and textures that can complement specific design plans.

#### **Techniques for consistent thickness**

Traditional hand-splitting techniques limit the use of granite because of the lack of precision. “When stone is split using hand tools,” Jeremy explains, “it breaks along the

naturally existing grain in the stone, and this doesn’t necessarily provide a flat surface.” He points out that this can lead to trip hazards and indentations where water can pool, and produces a generally uneven surface for the furniture, a challenge when dining at the table or relaxing in a chair with a drink in hand.

With the use of their modern, large-diameter bridge saws, Muskoka Rock Company refines the local granite into a finished product that is much more functional for the end user.

“Our production methods are changing the industry,” says Jeremy, “with our perfectly calibrated, yet natural-looking stone that installs seamlessly inside and out. We have a large

variety of products and granite colours to suit every taste with continuous year-round production.”

Finding a happy medium between utilizing the natural elements of your cottage property and providing safe and comfortable living spaces is always a challenge. However, precision stone-cutting techniques expand the range of applications for the natural granite that defines our landscape. “It’s all about

living the Muskoka lifestyle, both inside and

out,” Jeremy says enthusiastically.

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A popular trend in cottages and homes today is to create a single theme that runs from exterior to interior living spaces, forming a flowing transition that echoes the effect of your outdoor landscaping in your indoor living spaces.

You may want to take this

concept a step further by coordinating your interior decor not only with your exterior building style, but also with the Muskoka granite elements that your property offers.

#### **Stylish stonework**

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