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# Quartz can be used throughout your home

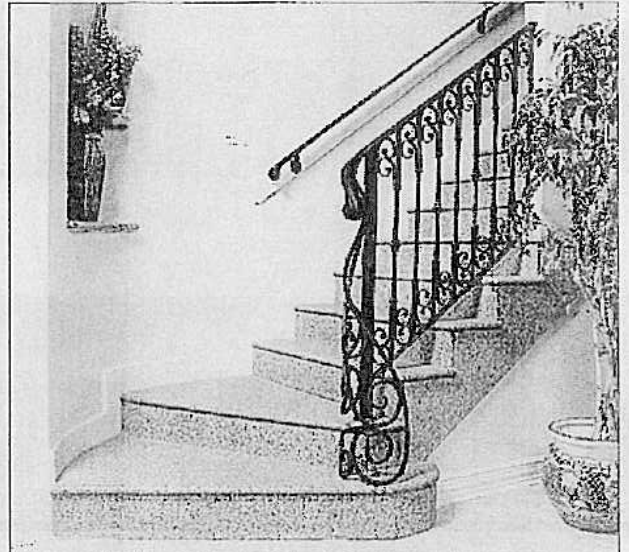
(NAPSI) — It makes dazzling jewelry, and it has the precision and energy to power the most accurate timepieces. It's one of the earth's most abundant materials and perhaps among the most intriguing. It's quartz.

Quartz is one of the hardest minerals on earth, after diamond, sapphire and topaz, giving quartz surfaces unusual strength. This durability, combined with quartz's natural beauty and crystalline depth of color, makes for perfect surfacing and is ideal for countertops, staircases...and more.

In addition to being scratch-resistant, natural quartz surfaces are non-porous and therefore stain-resistant without needing to be sealed as with other stone surfaces. Quartz surfaces are more resistant to scratches and burns than solid surfaces, and cleaning usually requires just soap and water.

As for color, quartz surfacing is easy to match to any room in your home. Not only is it available in a wide variety of colors, but it has a more consistent look than other natural stones. Computer-controlled technology adds to the inconspicuousness of seams.

Since quartz surfaces are as much as four times stronger than other natural stone surfaces, builders often recommend this product—it means they don't have to worry about the chipping and cracking that can sometimes occur during han-



*Natural quartz can beautify your home typically at a lower cost than granite or marble.*

dling and installation.

Furthermore, architects and designers love to work with quartz surfaces because the applications are limited only by the imagination. Not just for countertops anymore, natural quartz surfaces such as Silestone® by Cosentino are perfect for nearly every decorative horizontal and vertical surface in the home.

Quartz surfacing materials, such as Silestone, are maintenance-free. Unlike granite, which needs to be sealed regularly to prevent staining, non-porous quartz surfaces can last indefinitely.

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*To learn more about how quartz surfacing can transform your home, please go to [www.silestone.com](http://www.silestone.com).*