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DIMENSION STONE IN ARKANSAS

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Abstract

Arkansas has several types of natural stone that are used for structural purposes. Sandstone, marble or limestone and occasionally, slate, are produced commercially. Nepheline syenite (granite), dolomite, quartz crystals, onyx, bauxite and cobble stones have been used locally in limited amounts.

Good grade dimension sandstone in colors ranging from brown to light gray and pink, is found in the Hartshorne Sandstone in the central and western part of the Arkansas Valley, and in the Batesville Sandstone near Batesville.

Marble of attractive color variations is quarried and shaped in Independence County near Batesville and in Izard County near Guion. Some production has been recorded in Newton County near Marble Falls.

Slate of commercial grade occurs in Polk County near Big Fork. Predominating colors in the quarries are black and gray, but reds and greens are also found.