

What You Need to Know About Brazilian Black Slate



A guide to natural colour, markings, texture and variation



1. A NATURAL PRODUCT

Brazilian Black Slate is a completely natural stone, quarried from the earth where it has formed over millions of years.

Every slab is different. Natural variation in colour, tone, markings, pattern and surface texture is inherent to the material and should be expected.



2. WE DO NOT SELECT INDIVIDUAL SLABS

We no longer select or match individual slabs by colour, shade, markings, pattern or texture.

Orders are supplied from available stock with the natural variation inherent to the material.

Individual slabs within the same order should not be expected to match one another.



3. PHOTOGRAPHS AND SAMPLES ARE REPRESENTATIVE

Product photographs, samples and the images in this guide show the type and range of characteristics that can occur.

They cannot show the exact appearance of every slab supplied.

A sample is an example of the material, not a colour or pattern match.



4. NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS OR FAULT?

Natural differences in colour, tone, pattern, markings, blotching, mineral areas, riven texture and cleft ridges are not faults.

They relate only to the surface appearance of the slate.

These characteristics do not affect the quality of the slate.

Quality relates to the structural condition of the slab: **cracking, splitting, hairline cracks or damage.**

Any genuine quality issues should still be reported.



5. BEFORE YOU ORDER

Brazilian Black Slate can vary considerably from slab to slab. Some pieces may be plain and consistent, while others may feature heavier riven texture, two-tone colouring, blotching, raised mineral areas and more noticeable surface markings.

Colours can range across black, charcoal and grey. Not every piece will be completely black.

If your project requires a highly uniform appearance, Brazilian Black Slate may not be the most suitable material for your requirements.

What is a typical order likely to look like?

As an overall guide to the material we receive:

Approx.
20%

Cleaner /
Plainer appearance

Approx.
60%

Typical Brazilian Black
Slate appearance

Approx.
20%

Stronger natural
variation

These percentages are an overall guide only and do not represent a guaranteed mix within an individual pallet, crate or order.



IMPORTANT

All of the natural characteristics shown in this guide may be present in the Brazilian Black Slate you receive. Please make sure you are happy to accept the natural variation shown throughout this guide before ordering.

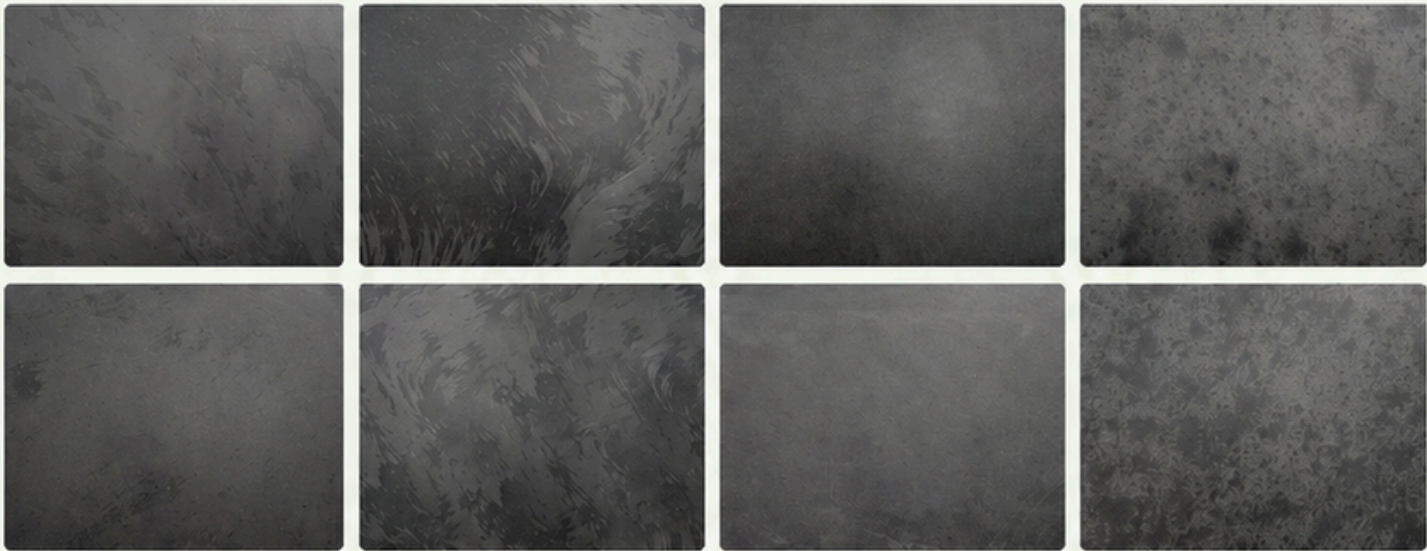
The individuality of each piece is part of the nature of genuine Brazilian Slate.

Examples of Natural Brazilian Black Slate

The images below show genuine variations found within Brazilian Black Slate.
These appearances are part of the natural character of the material.
The more dramatic examples are less common but can still occur within an order.

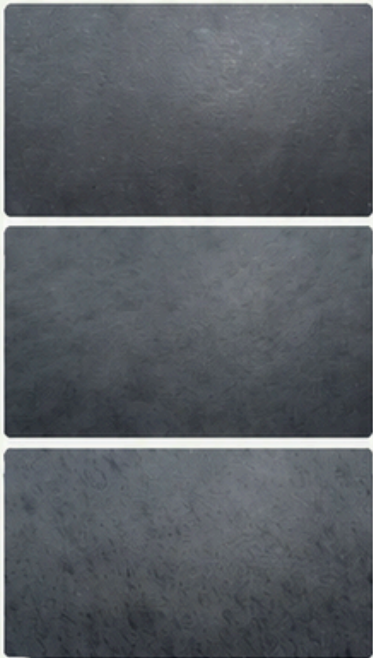
MOST COMMON APPEARANCE – Typical Brazilian Black Slate

The majority of slabs will fall within this mid-range appearance.



CLEANER / PLAINER PIECES

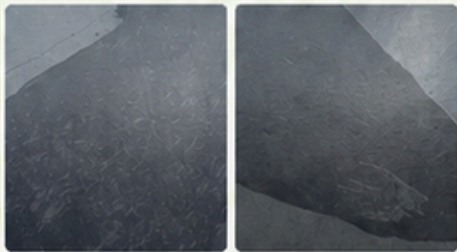
These occur naturally and may be present within an order.



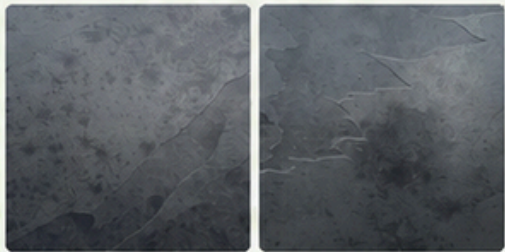
STRONGER NATURAL VARIATION (less common)

These characteristics are less common but can still occur within an order.

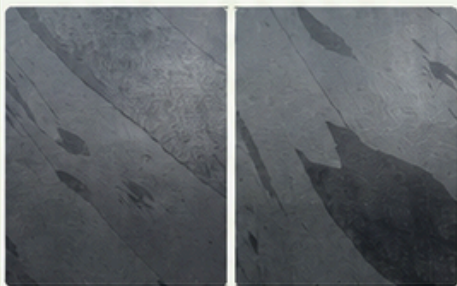
Two-Tone Appearance



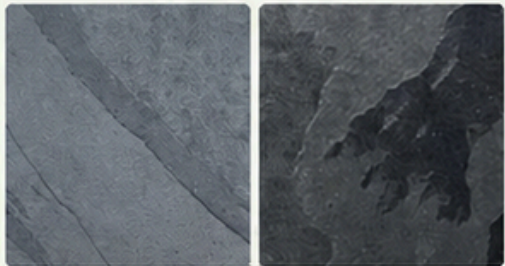
Blotching / Clouding



Natural Markings & Banding



Heavier Riven Texture & Raised Areas



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE NATURAL VARIATION SHOWN THROUGHOUT THIS GUIDE BEFORE ORDERING BRAZILIAN BLACK SLATE.

We continue to take reasonable care when picking orders and aim to provide a balanced mix from available stock. However, we do not grade, select or guarantee individual slabs according to colour, markings, tone or texture.