



**KILKENNY
LIMESTONE**

Brachot Family Member

**THE LARGEST
QUARRYING AND
PROCESSING
OPERATION OF IRISH
BLUE LIMESTONE**

 **BRACHOT**



The Story of Irish Blue Limestone

The story of Irish Blue Limestone begins long before the Ages of Man or the Age of the Dinosaurs, during what is called the 'Age of the Crinoids', some 340 million years ago.

In the warm, shallow, tropical seas that once extended across much of what we know today as north-east Europe, sea life and calcium carbonate crystallised over time to form the sedimentary rock with its characteristic coral strata, crinoid, brachiopod and gastropod fossils. There it remained for hundreds of millions of years until Europe's settlers began to conceive of building robust and timeless structures.

The story of this material tracks the development of civilisation in Ireland. Blue limestone was used by the Neolithic people to construct monuments in a time before the Pyramids of Egypt were first imagined. As society developed, the stone was utilised for the more sophisticated means of carving and is seen in Ireland's famed Celtic crosses.

A technically superior building material, the stone's elegant and timeless qualities have been consistently celebrated in Irish architecture from ancient monasteries and abbeys to the castles and houses of chieftains and lords. This is a tradition that continues through to the modern day.

Fully appreciating the rarity and uniqueness of this stone, Kilkenny Limestone has dedicated itself to its correct and appropriate usage in contributing to the great buildings and landscapes of our modern age.

Towerbridge London (UK)



Kilkenny Limestone
Flamed / Sanded / Split



About Kilkenny Limestone

Irish Blue Limestone, one of Ireland's most precious resources, has been treasured and used for centuries. This charismatic and multifaceted stone has many destinies, from the centrepieces of contemporary home design to the principal theme of architectural projects from rural Ireland to downtown Manhattan.

Various shade and finish combinations tease the stone into its many expressions of colour and texture, as it courts the light and develops in complexity with time. Fully appreciating the rarity and uniqueness of the stone, Kilkenny Limestone has dedicated itself to its correct and appropriate usage in contributing to the great buildings and landscapes of our modern age.

Kilkenny Limestone - Flamed/Split/Sawn/Bush hammered
City Center, Brussels (BE)

Kellymount Quarry, Paulstown.
Co. Kilkenny, Ireland.





Kellymount Quarry Kilkenny (IR)

About us

Established in the 1930s, the company, now a Brachot Family Member, directly employs in excess of 100 employees across three quarries based in Old Leighlin, Kellymount and Holdensrath in Ireland. These quarries produce the well known Irish Blue Limestone in blocks, slabs, tiles and paving for internal and external applications which are supplied to prestigious projects across Ireland, UK, Europe and worldwide. Kilkenny Limestone runs the largest quarrying and processing operation of Irish Blue Limestone.

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Kilkenny Limestone is a Brachot Family Member. Brachot extracts, produces and distributes landscape and surface materials in natural stone and blended materials. With its 20 quarries, 7 production sites and 15 distribution centres across Europe and Africa, Brachot has the entire production process in its own hands. From extraction through sawing and processing to distribution. This creates endless possibilities for the production of blocks, slabs, tiles and accessories for indoor and outdoor applications in natural stone and blended materials.



Quality assured

Kilkenny Limestone maintains a quality approach to their work. The company subjects all processes to rigorous and regular quality control checks, from inspection of raw materials, through monitoring of the entire manufacturing process to final quality approval and guarantee of end products.



Kilkenny Limestone's system of CE marking highlights the performance standards expected from our products. The products are produced from ATG-certified materials. The ISO: 9001 quality system implemented by Kilkenny Limestone is independently audited and verified.



The low-waste production methods used complement the naturally low embedded carbon that makes Irish Blue Limestone an exceptionally environmentally friendly material.



Extracted with respect for nature

Irish Blue Limestone is always extracted with respect for the environment in line with the demands of sustainable entrepreneurship and has obtained the ISO 14001: 2015 certificate for Environmental Management System. It offers a systematic framework to manage the immediate and long term environmental impacts of an organisation's products, services and processes.

Moreover, Kilkenny Limestone actively invest in the deployment of a Zero Waste program. Driven by the belief that Irish Blue Limestone is a precious resource that should be used wisely and never wasted, great strides are being made in the eventual elimination of waste products from all manufacturing processes.

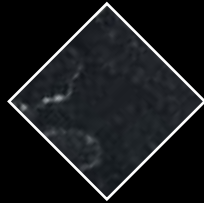


AGED TO PERFECTION, CRAFTED FOR PLEASURE



Kilkenny Limestone
Flamed / Sanded

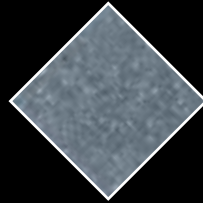
A selection of our finishes



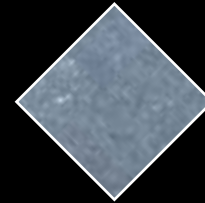
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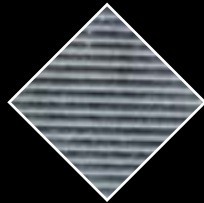
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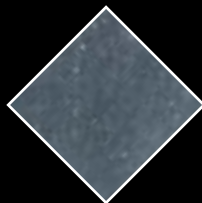
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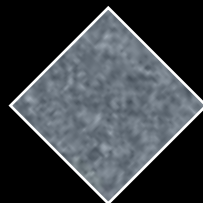
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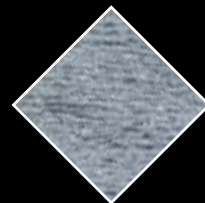
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Blue Honed



Flamed



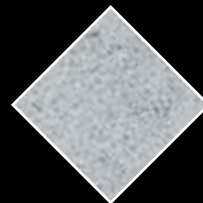
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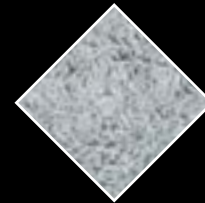
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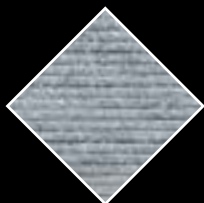
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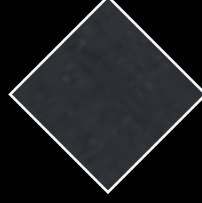
Bush Hammered



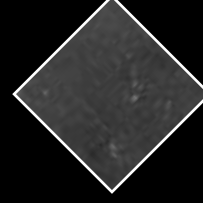
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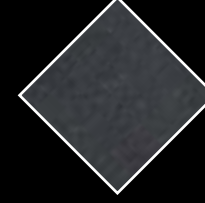
Line Chiselled



Letano



Anzano



Rock Finish

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Kilkenny Limestone Quarries Ltd. - Kellymount, Paulstown - Co. Kilkenny (IR)

Kilkenny Limestone Quarries specialises in quarrying and producing the renowned Irish Blue Limestone (named as Kilkenny Limestone). This Brachot Family Member combines a high-tech approach with thorough quality control in line with all standards, while ensuring full traceability of its materials in every step of the process – from quarrying to production, distribution and final delivery at the client. A true Irish classic, Kilkenny Limestone is characterised by authenticity and originality with an extremely durable character. Its versatile nature is expressed in countless indoor and outdoor applications, often tailored to the client's specific wishes and needs. The uniform, blue-grey appearance allows integration into a wide variety of architectural styles.

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