

# BOOK-MATCH TRAINING GUIDE





6MM BOOK-MATCH SLABS



# CONSIDERATIONS

## PRIOR TO FABRICATING & INSTALLING SLABS

The purpose of this manual is to provide suggestions and guidelines related to the ICG Italia’s large porcelain slabs regarding design, layout, fabrication and application.

As with natural marble stone, occasionally the graphic that is displayed on book-matched slabs might occur to not accurately line up between **slab A** and **slab B**. Where this irregularity is present the pattern and veining of each marble surface will not appear precisely symmetrical.



Book-matching large porcelain slabs may be planned for alignment on all 4 sides. All other 6mm large porcelain slabs may not have any alignment. Check with your account manager prior to specifying before placing order.



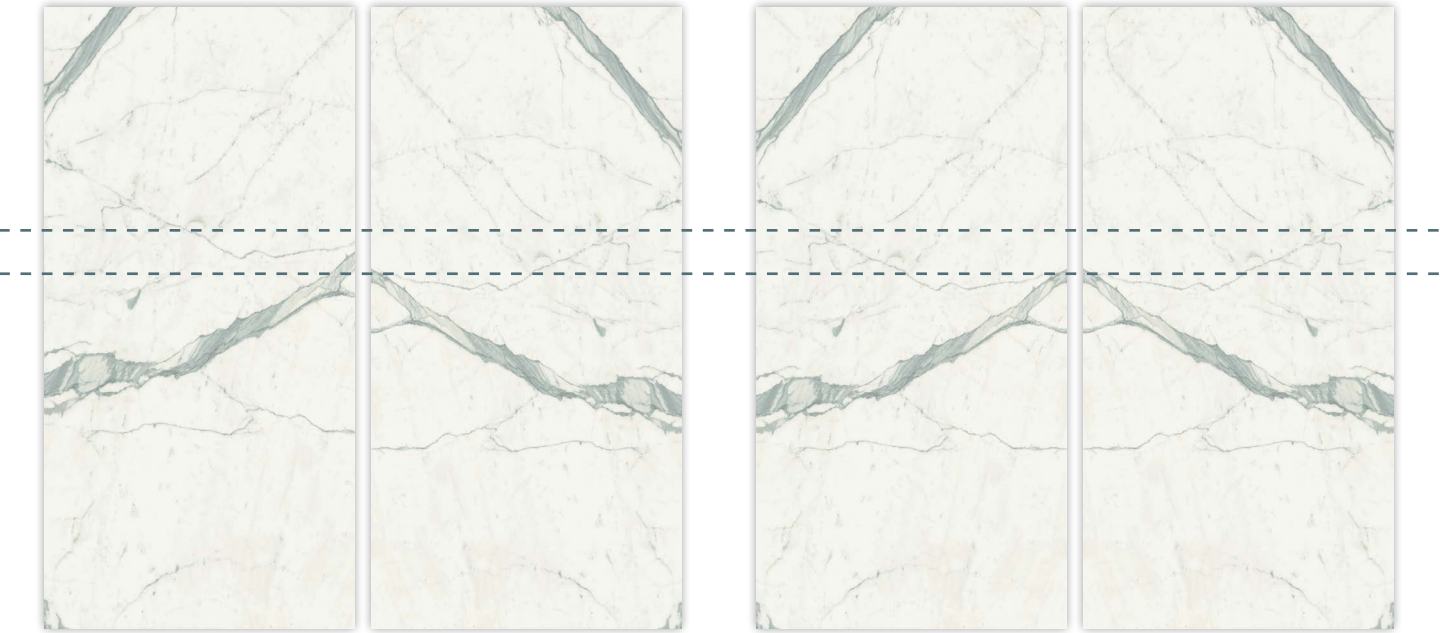
Example of book-matching on all 4 sides.

## PLANNING FOR BOOK-MATCHING

6mm large slabs come factory rectified to its nominal sizing. The gauged tolerance for 6mm for variance is up to 2cm. Dry setting material, measuring slabs and visually checking for variance is important prior to cutting material. Although slabs come rectified by the factory, it may be necessary to trim the top and bottom of one or both slabs to ensure that the graphic matches exactly with its mirrored pair.

## VERTICAL DISPARITY BETWEEN SLABS

As with natural marble stone, occasionally the graphic that is displayed on book-matched slabs does not accurately line up between a **slab A** and **slab B**. Where this irregularity is present the pattern and veining of each marble surface will not appear precisely symmetrical.



Example of Variance

Example of No Variance

## TRIMMING SLABS TO MATCH

We recommend that when installing book-match slabs care is taken before fixing to visually check for any variance between the two surfaces. In some instances it may be necessary to trim the top and bottom of one or both slabs to ensure that the graphic matches exactly with its mirrored pair.

6mm large porcelain slabs can be manipulated in the field with the proper tooling.



## 12MM | 20MM BOOK-MATCH SLABS

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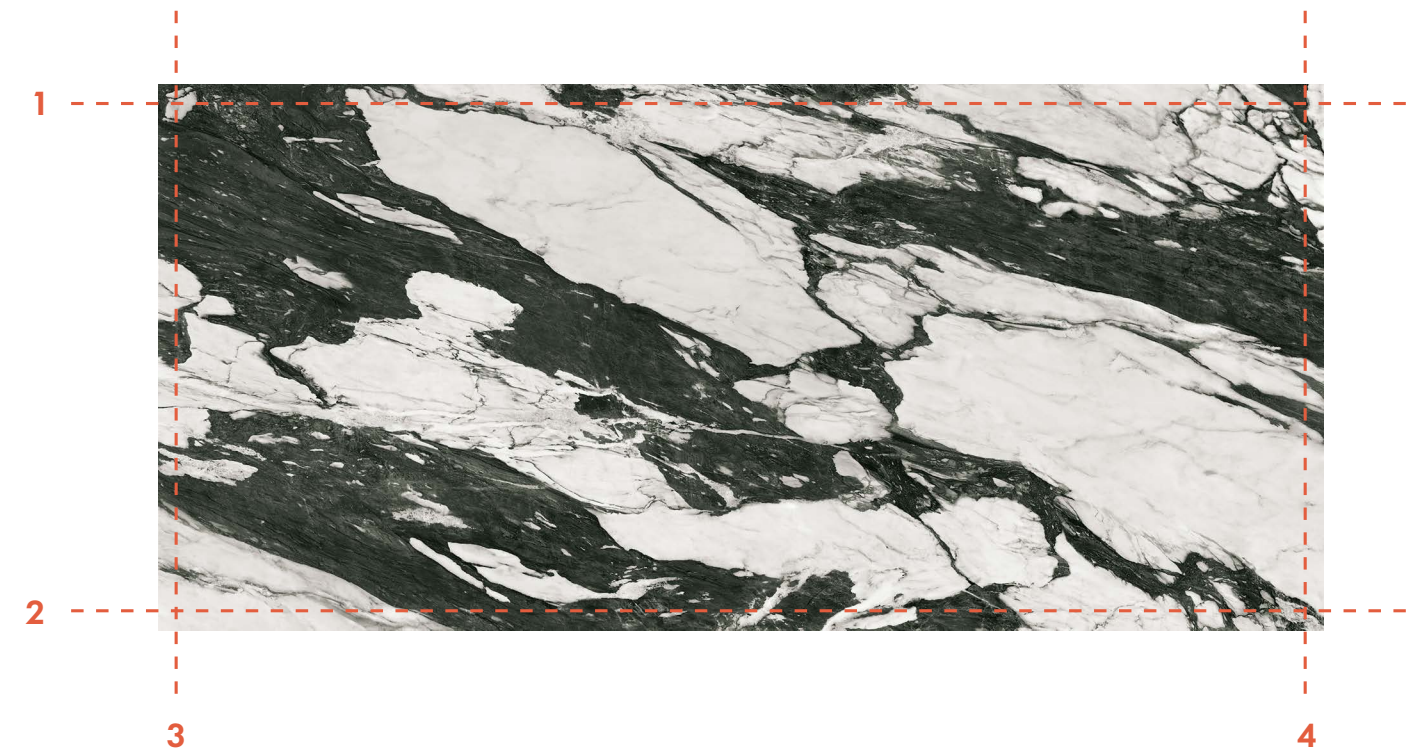
#### Important Notice:

All 12mm | 20 mm slabs come larger than nominal sizing. It is recommended to measure each individual slab prior to starting any fabrication.

12mm | 20mm slabs are **NOT factory rectified** and **require 1/2" to 1" rectification** on all 4 sides. This means that it will always be necessary to trim all four sides of any slab. These 4 steps must happen first prior to fabricating further any other cuts.

Start with the **two long sides first** then the short sides. Then you may adjust with additional cuts to ensure that the graphic matches exactly with its mirrored pair.

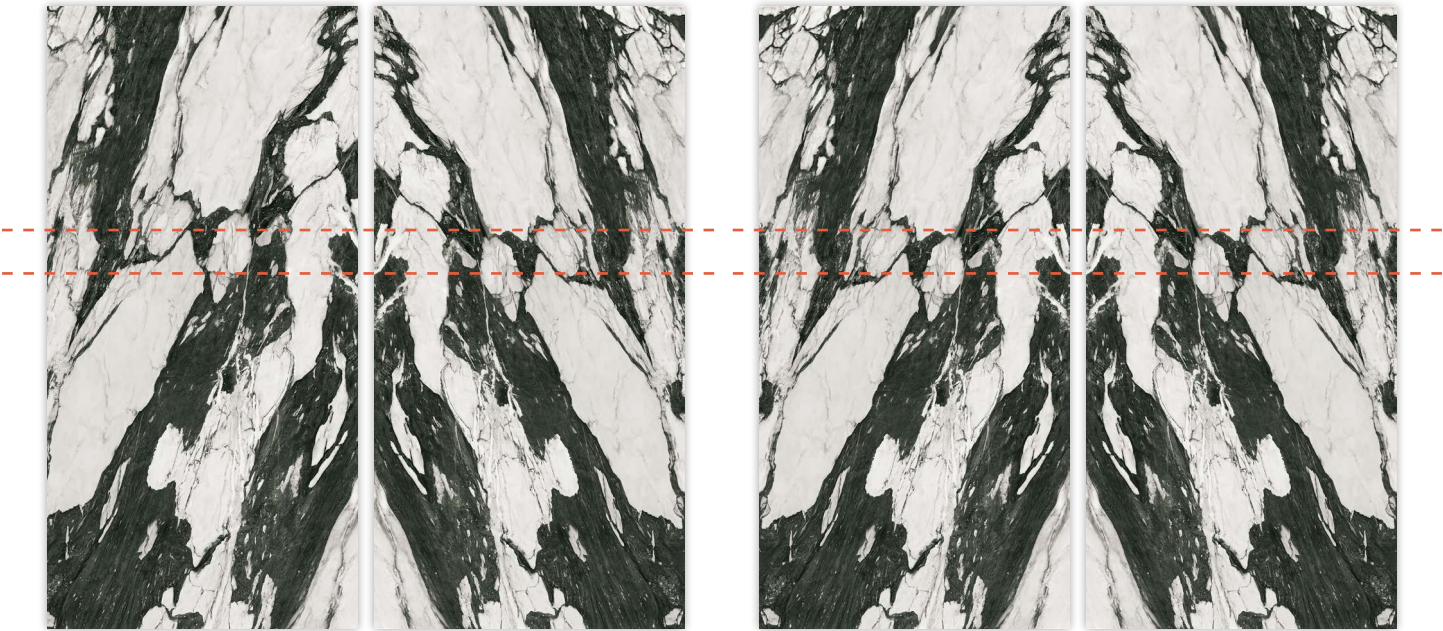
**Trimming 12mm | 20 mm slabs on-site is extremely difficult & NOT recommend.**





VISUALLY MATCHING SLABS

The slightest variance between slabs can impact the visual disparity of the book-match slabs, so in order to ensure a successful installation we highly recommend that you follow the guide outlined above.



Example of Variance

Example of No Variance



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