

Grand Trianon in Versailles, mantel from the Emperor's family living room



Chateau of Chantilly, Breche d'Alep mantel, XVIIIe



Detail of a Breche from Montmeyan

Breche marbles are a category of marbles that are all made up of the same composition: the pressure and distortions at the time of the geological formation of the stone created a marble with large elements.

There are many varieties of Breche in a broad range of colors and motifs: Breche de Medous, Breche d'Alep, Breche de Saint-Maximin and yellow Breche de Benou.

Breche marbles are used both in furniture and mantels. The very graphic effect of Breche d'Alep marble for example was very popular during the 18th century. It is found in many of the beautiful dwellings of the time like in the Chateau of Chantilly.

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Photo 3: Detail of a Breche from Montmeyan

<u>Photo 4</u>: Detail of a Breche from Benou <u>Photo 5</u>: Detail of a Breche from Alep

Photo 6 : Detail of a Breche from Sarravezza

Photo 7 : Detail of a Breche from Saint-Maximin



Detail of a Breche from Benou



Detail of a Breche from Alep



Detail of a Breche from Sarravezza



Detail of a Breche from Saint-Maximin