



Marble Disclaimer

Because you may be selecting marble, we are required to inform you of the way that marble will “behave” as a countertop material. Marble is a softer stone that may scratch, chip or crack more easily than a granite or a quartz.

Regular sliding of items across the surface may cause surface scratches to appear quickly. Impact from many items can cause chips or cracks to occur.

In addition, marble is a more porous stone which makes it more prone to staining and etching. Because of the mineral make-up of marble, even sealers are less effective at preventing stains. Things that could potentially stain marble would be dyes used in many personal care products such as soaps, lotions and toothpastes.

Many foods and beverages can also stain the surface if not immediately wiped up. Oils from such products can also penetrate the seal. Etching in marble can be caused by a variety of products including acidic foods, which react with the calcite found in marble. Some examples include, but are not limited to, lemon juice, vinegar and wine. Hair and face products can also contain chemical that may react with the minerals in the stone. And perhaps the most common way to etch your marble would be with many common household cleaners. Only cleaners deemed safe for marble should be used, or a dye-free, chemical-free soap mixed with water.

If your countertop does become stained or etched and/or loses that polished look, there is nothing that we can do to restore it.

Marble Care and Maintenance

As mentioned above, marble is naturally weak in resistance to scratches, etching and staining due to the softness and porous nature of the stone. Therefore, if not maintained properly with routine cleaning and sealing, marble has a high chance of receiving damage.

Daily Care

For daily cleaning, the best results can be achieved with an un-dyed microfiber cloth and water. Because marble is porous, using abrasive products or common household cleaners is not recommended. Instead it is wise to invest in a cleaner specifically designed for natural stone. When unsure about a product, test it on a small unnoticeable area.

Sealing

Marble should have come sealed when installed but it is important to regularly reseal marble periodically. Twice a year is our suggested minimum, depending on use. Sealing fills the pores in marble to help it resist the absorption of potentially damaging chemical, acids, or stain producing materials. It also helps to prolong the shiny appearance. Sealing can be done by you and there are various sealers on the market. We recommend DuPont Bulletproof Sealer. Whichever sealer you select, be sure to follow direction on the package.

Preventive Measures

Use cutting boards and trivets to prevent scratches and burns on your countertop. Use the same care with hot bathroom appliances such as curling irons, hair dryers or irons. Do not drag items across the surface. Wipe up spills immediately. Use only appropriate cleaning methods as described above.