

Carrara Marble

CHARACTERISTICS

100% natural

Marble is a nonfoliated metamorphic rock, generally composed of calcium carbonate or magnesium carbonate, which react to acids. Marble is found in the oldest layers of earth's crust. It forms over millions of years when, under lots of heat and pressure, limestone changes physically and chemically via recrystallization process into something harder and denser.

No two slabs of marble are alike: its veining, formed by mineral deposits, makes it unique, piece to piece.

HIGH-MAINTENANCE

Marble is not heat resistant, it etches easily, and it can chip if you accidentally whack a heavy glass against it.

Always use cutting boards and lots of care when preparing acidic foods like tomatoes or lemons, as these can react with the marble and leave it etched.



- Carrara Marble is a timeless and classic material, adding a note of luxury to any room both indoors and outdoors.
- It has a gray field, or background with a light gray veining that's usually soft and feathery,
- Available in variety C (distinguished, according to the chromatic tone of the groundmass): a white-whitish groundmass with an even vein pattern that is not very marked. Veining is the result of impurities present during the recrystallization process, like sand, silt, and clay: imperfections that create the beautiful marbles we prize.
- Origin: Italy

AVAILABLE FINISHES

POLISHED

- High gloss, mirror-like surface
- Smooth, shiny and reflective
- Brings out the full color and character of the stone
- Etches turn the surface dull and show more sharply than on honed finish



HONED

- Smooth, yet not glossy finish
- Without or with limited reflection of light
- Satin smooth surface with little light reflection
- More susceptible to stains
- Requires more frequent resealing than polished finish
- Susceptible to fingerprints and watermarks



RULE OF THUMB

Only use cleaners you'd use on your hands.

NOTE!

Hard stones are brittle – if you hit a 90-degree corner with something hard, it will chip.

Dropping anything heavy on marble can create little white dots (stun marks) that cannot be removed or repaired.

DAILY CARE

Wipe down daily using a soft cloth or sponge and only hot water or a special marble cleaner.

Spilled food should be cleared up right away, before it can seep in and cause a stain or discoloration (that can happen overnight, even with sealant in place). Remember to blot, not wipe, because wiping can spread the spill.

Use cutting boards and coasters to avoid staining substances come in contact with the countertop, and red wine and coffee-cup rings.



USERS SAY:

- *It's elegant, cool, and bright. Lovely to work on, and easy to clean.*
- *It is prone to nicks and scratches, yes, but part of its charm is the patina it takes on over years of use - after all, the look of marble that we prize so much arises because of imperfections.*
- *The best way to live with marble countertops may simply be to accept that they will patina over time.*

DO

- **Seal when needed**

Sealant is needed for both finishes and will not prevent etching or scratching.

Under normal use, the sealant should last about a year before it needs to be reapplied as long as no harsh cleansers are being used. It's time for more sealant when you no longer see water drops beading on the surface.

- **Blot up spills immediately**

Acidic substances like wine, coffee, fruit juices, tomato sauce, and sodas can stain or etch the surface.

- **Use cutting boards, coasters and trivets**

Thereby protect against scratching or possible scorching and direct contact with food juices that may etch.

- **Use a tray for bathroom toiletry products**

DO NOT

- **Use generic household cleaner of any kind** (most common and popular household cleaners are too harsh for use on marble and will cause damage to the finish)
- **Use ammonia-based cleaners and vinegar**
- **Use bathroom, tub&tile or grout cleaners**
- **Sit or stand on the countertop**
- **Store liquids or toiletries directly on the countertop**

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