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soapstone



Soapstone Slabs

- » Dorado Soapstone offers a variety of soapstone types with different appearance and veining patterns
- » Slab sizes range from 100" x 55" to 125 x 75", call for current inventory slab sizes
- » All slabs are 3cm thick

Soapstone Sinks

- » (30/33/36)" x 18.5" x 10" - Standard sizes
Any custom sizes are available to order as well
- » Allow 3 weeks for manufacturing (shipping additional)
- » Options: single or double bowl, sloped font, bowed font, tall back, soap dish, solid block



Benefits of Soapstone

- » A naturally quarried stone
- » Completely non-porous and extremely dense
- » Non-reactive to acids and chemicals
- » Does not harbor bacteria
- » Needs no man-made sealers
- » Easy to maintain
- » Excellent thermal qualities and heat resistant
- » Durable for generations
- » Soft to the touch, yet strong
- » Warm matte finish
- » Great design element
- » Comfortable in any décor

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Care and Maintenance

Since soapstone is naturally non-porous and non-reactive, it will never need to be sealed. The only regular care and maintenance suggested is the application of mineral oil or dry wax as a color enhancer. Soapstone will darken naturally over time with regular use, and may darken faster in higher-use areas such as around the sink or cooktop. Treating the stone with mineral oil will ensure that the stone darkens evenly. The oil is not a protectant, nor does the stone need to be protected. Any standard cleaning product should be safe and effective for use with soapstone, although the use of abrasive cleaners such as Comet and Ajax are not recommended.

Because soapstone is softer than granite, it will develop small nicks and scratches over time that adds to the character of the stone. We do recommend using cutting boards and avoiding cutting directly on the surface of the stone to prevent deeper scratches.

Color Enhancers: Mineral Oil and Dry Wax

Enhancing the natural beauty of your soapstone with dry wax or oil is relatively simple; it can be done at home and does not require the presence of a professional. To apply mineral oil, which can be purchased at Latera, or at most hardware stores, simply pour a little oil onto a clean, dry cloth and rub a thin layer over the surface of the stone. Wipe off any excess oil with a second cloth and allow to dry. The first few times the oil is applied, the stone will lighten back up as the oil evaporates out. Oiling the stone once every 1-2 weeks for the first 4-6 weeks after the stone is installed will give it a beautiful, dark patina. After this, you can touch up the stone or re-oil as needed.

Dorado Dry Wax is an alternative product that serves the same function as the mineral oil in that it darkens the surface of the stone evenly and enhances the natural beauty of the soapstone. It is a food-safe blend of carnauba, beeswax and walnut oil. Dry wax will reduce the amount of maintenance on your countertops and will keep the stone dark for 6-12 months.

