

SOAPSTONE

Care | Maintenance Card



Taking care of your *soapstone* is important to maintain its natural beauty.

- **Daily Cleaning:** Wipe down the soapstone countertop with a damp cloth and a mild dish soap. Avoid using harsh chemical cleaners, as they can damage the stone's surface.
- **Stain Prevention:** Soapstone is naturally non-porous, making it resistant to stains. However, it's still wise to wipe up spills promptly, especially those from acidic substances like lemon juice or wine.
- **Oil Application:** To enhance the natural darkening process and maintain a uniform appearance, apply a thin layer of mineral oil to the countertop every few months. Use a soft cloth to spread the oil evenly and then wipe off any excess.
- **Scratch Management:** Soapstone is softer than other countertop materials, so it can get scratched. Small scratches can be easily removed with a gentle sanding using fine-grit sandpaper, followed by a reapplication of mineral oil.
- **Avoiding Heat Damage:** While soapstone is heat-resistant, it's good practice to use trivets or hot pads under hot pots and pans to avoid any potential thermal shock to the stone.
- **Periodic Maintenance:** Every few years, consider giving your soapstone countertop a more thorough maintenance check. Lightly sand any areas that look dull or scratched, then apply mineral oil to rejuvenate the surface.