



General Care and Use of Soapstone

Keeping your soapstone clean is easy. It is a strong, dense, non-absorbent and chemically innate stone that does not require high maintenance.

Everyday cleaning with a mild detergent or non-abrasive cleaner is recommended. Unlike other natural stones, soapstone is a chemically innate material that will not react to foods and harsh cleaners; however, soapstone is generally softer than granite and some marbles, and some abrasive cleaners could potentially scratch its surface. Always rinse with clean water to remove any soap residue that could settle on the surface of your stone.

Stubborn dark spots can be removed with acetone and then cleaned as usual.

Soapstone may darken, or “patina,” over time as it naturally oxidizes. However, some people prefer to use mineral oil, waxes, or enhancers/agers to deepen its color evenly. These are semi-permeant products that require periodic reapplication. These products can also help hide minor surface scratches.

Some helpful tips:

- Use coasters and trivets to help protect your soapstone surface from scratches.
- Use cutting boards and do not cut directly on the surface.
- Do not drag objects such as pots and pans, or sharp jagged objects across the surface.

Enjoy your soapstone for many years to come!