

Taking care of your granite work tops

On the whole, granite worktops are durable and hardwearing. They are not, however, indestructible. They can scratch, chip and stain. It is important to treat your granite worktop with the same care you would any other worktop. Unlike other worktops they are very difficult to repair.

Simply follow these helpful tips.

To prevent scratches, avoid putting or sliding rough/abrasive objects across the surface of the granite.

Light coloured granite can be susceptible to staining. Care should be taken when using oily, fatty or strongly coloured substances on the work surface.

If you do happen to spill anything on your worktop, then wipe it off straight away to avoid staining.

Standing or placing undue pressure or strain on a worktop can cause it to crack. This is especially so in vulnerable or unsupported areas.

Although granite can absorb large amounts of heat, it is like glass and can fracture with extreme temperature change. It is advisable to avoid putting very hot saucepans on cold granite surfaces.

The best way to clean your worktop is by using warm soapy water and then wiping down using either a dry-cloth, and E-Cloth or synthetic chamois. By doing this you will bring out the shine while avoiding smears and watermarks. Do not use harsh chemicals or cleaning products, especially abrasive cleaners such as Ciff or other cream cleaners. It is fine to use any antibacterial sprays on granite worktops.

Granite care kits are available on request, which although not compulsory, are highly recommended. The use of such products may help prevent stains and help maintain the lustre of your worktops.



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