CUSTOM KITCHEN COUNTERTOPS

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SOAPSTONE CUSTOMER PRODUCT INFORMATION AND WAIVER

CUSTOMER NAME			
JOBSITE ADDRESS			
MATERIAL			
COLOR			

Soapstone countertops are non-porous and unlike marble, granite and concrete countertops, <u>do not need to be sealed</u>.

Soapstone is soft and <u>it will get scratches</u>, these scratches will blend into the use patina and become familiar and unnoticeable. Actually, soapstone becomes better with age, becoming a surface that can tell a story if you even notice.

The only maintenance for a soapstone countertop is the application of Mineral Oil to enhance the natural darkening process and ensure uniformity. Upon application of wax or oil, the stone turns a mix of very dark charcoal gray, blackish or dark green tones. This treatment and its frequency of application depends on the individual homeowner. Most people find an average of once a month for a year works for them. Some are finished with treatment within a couple of months. You can clean your soapstone after the mineral oil treatment using any household cleanser such as Ajax or Comet. Usually just wiping the soapstone with soap and water works just fine.

The shade and appearance of your countertops is completely up to the homeowner based on personal preference. For darker countertops you will apply mineral oil more often, there is no set schedule, just oil when your counters are lighter than you like.

The Dark Look Make sure your countertops are clean and dry. Use a clean cotton cloth to apply oil. Use another cloth or a paper towel to remove excess oil. There is no reason to wait as oil is not sinking in due to the nonporous nature of soapstone. We recommend that you apply oil to the entire top before wiping off the excess & after the first application, put the cotton cloth in a zip lock bag to use next time.

The Grey Look The grey look is achieved by applying and scrubbing your surfaces with a more aggressive cleaner. A good example of this is Simple Green. Anytime oils are spilled, dropped or splattered on a soapstone surface you can strip them off with a degreaser which will help maintain a greyer look.

By Signing Below, purchaser(s) agree to have the above approved material fabricated by Custom Kitchen Countertops and agrees to make final payment at installation upon completion. Purchaser(s) understands that they are purchasing a natural product with color and texture inconstancies, surface deviations and natural inclusions which are all natural characteristics of the stones chosen.

Signature Date