

Restoring the Patina of Your Rachiele Custom Sink



Here are a few stories I have heard over the years...

“My housekeeper POLISHED the inside of my sink. What do I do?”

“My loving husband decided to polish the sink for my birthday. What do I do?”

Well, not to worry. Nothing can permanently harm the inside of your Rachiele Custom Sink.

Just follow the instructions below:

Make sure the sink is free from any oil (use Dawn soap to scrub the sink first).

If you happen to leave a pot or pan in the sink for a while, it may leave a dark mark. You can lighten it by using a sponge that is yellow on one side and green on the other. Just go over the dark area with the abrasive side. Don't worry about initial scratch marks. They will disappear (I promise!).

Below is the exact process we use to put the original patina inside your copper, brass or bronze sink.

(For faster results, turn on the hot water and warm up the metal so that the bottom and sides of sink become nice and warm).

Materials:

A Small Natural Sea Sponge (Most home centers have these) You want a random pattern.

Any household vinegar

Spray bottle (not necessary)

Instructions:

Make sure the area you are working with is clean and free of any grease or oil. Dawn soap works the best. The patina will not “take” unless the metal is clean. You can use a mild abrasive to clean the metal, such as a Scotch Brite Pad.

Don't worry about the scratches. They will disappear when the patina grows.

1. Spray the vinegar on the sponge. The sponge should be damp, but not wet enough that it will drip when applied to the metal.

2. Dab the damp sponge over all areas of the sink that need a patina. Try to avoid drip marks. Let dry and re-apply 3 to 4 times. Don't worry about coloration, you will likely see green patina. The green patina is what you are looking for.

3. When the sink is mostly green, wet the same sponge with water. This time, you want the sponge fairly wet, but not dripping wet. Rub gently over the dried patina. You will see a soapy looking pasty green. Do that for about 5 minutes and let sit for about 10 to 15 minutes. Add water to the sponge and do one more time.

4. Rinse well with water - you are done!

Please call us at any time with questions – (407) 8808-6903. Check out these videos for additional information:

Taking off dark pots on patina [YOUTUBE](#)

Taking off dark spots continued [YOUTUBE](#)

Applying patina to a sink [YOUTUBE](#)



Example of Green Patina