

How to Shine Quartz Countertops

When remodeling your kitchen or bathroom, one of the most common options for homeowners is to install a nice slab of [quartz countertops](#). Quartz is an excellent artificial stone which always looks nice, very reliable, and will suit most homeowner's needs for a long time, as long as it is taken care of properly.

Taking care of quartz countertops is not as tricky as other stones or surfaces. Thanks to the specific way quartz is manufactured, it is quite easy to keep it healthy and shining for its lifetime. That being said, there are certain products and materials you should not use on quartz countertops as it may ruin that lovely new stone sheen.

In this article, you will learn what makes quartz so easy to clean and how to keep your quartz countertops shining and healthy.

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Creating Quartz Countertops

Quartz countertops are [not like other stones](#). Quartz slabs are artificially created through quartz manufacturers who specialize in stone fabrication.

Slabs are made of an abundance of quartz mineral. Quartz is one of the most common minerals to find in the Earth's Crust, making it readily available in many quarries. Fabricators take the quartz stone, press it together with an adhesive resin, and decorate it with dyes to have it mimic natural stone or take on complex shapes and patterns. Some of the most popular quartz slabs are identical to marble stone, which can be expensive due to its limited availability and high demand.

During the fabrication process, quartz slabs are sealed tight, providing it with a clean and smooth surface. While natural stones like granite and marble have small indents and crevices called pitting, quartz does not have these pores. With no pores for food, chemicals, or liquids to sink into, quartz is remarkably easy to clean.

All these benefits just add to the list of why quartz countertops are so common and popular with home renovations. It is hard to beat something that is affordable, nice to look at, and easy to maintain.

Shining Quartz Countertops

It is going to happen where your quartz countertops will get messy, especially when working in the kitchen. In order to keep that gleaming sheen on your quartz, use the following steps.

Daily Cleaning

Cleaning your quartz countertops daily is the simplest way to keep it shining. Make it part of a daily routine when cleaning the kitchen, to wipe down the quartz countertop with a soft, wet rag like a microfiber cloth. If there is dirt or small food residue, use a combination of warm water, mild dish soap and soft rag to clean off the surface of your countertop.

Mild dish soap is often recommended by quartz fabricator companies to clean their products because the chemicals are not as harsh to damage its sheen.

A soft microfiber rag will not scuff or buff the quartz either, allowing dirt to gently slide off.

Deep Clean When Needed

It may happen where a spill is not cleaned fast enough and leave a small stain on your quartz countertop. Eliminating the stain as quickly as possible will give your chance a higher chance of keeping its sheen. The longer a stain is left to linger, the harder it will be to remove.

When removing a stain like paint, hair dye or [hard water deposits](#), use a combination of water and baking soda, or water and vinegar to scrub away the latched-on chemicals.

Rinse Thoroughly

When cleaning quartz countertops with dish soap or other stain removing product, make sure to rinse the surface thoroughly to eliminate the miniscule remainder of chemicals. On some occasions, cleaning with baking soda or vinegar will leave a small amount of their solution behind. Leaving harsh chemicals on your quartz countertops will stress the stone and dull its lovely shine. Rinse the entire surface with warm water to make sure every trace of cleaning solution is gone. Afterwards, wipe down with a dry, soft towel or rag to remove any remaining moisture.

Dust Removal

When a countertop is not shining as brightly as it is supposed to be, a common issue is that there is a layer of dust on the surface. Using a gentle dust remover, clear off the top layer of dust on the countertop and see if that changes the problem.

If more dust remains, use a soft, wet rag to wipe down all the dust particles on the countertop, as well as the surrounding area. Removing dust from the area will make sure none of it falls back onto your countertop and dull its coloring again.

Company Shiner Products

All quartz fabricators have a maintenance and cleaning guide for their products. With it, they detail what chemicals can and cannot be used on their quartz slabs to keep them clean and shining. Contact your quartz supplier or look on their website to see what products they suggest regarding keeping their quartz countertops shimmering bright.

Products to Avoid

In order for your quartz countertops to maintain their healthy shine, it is imperative to avoid using certain products.

Abrasive Scrubs

Hard steel wool and abrasive scrubs are good for removing hard stains on other surfaces, but using them on a quartz countertop can dull the finish. Scratching the surface constantly will dull the sheen, making your quartz appear bland and mute.

Bleach

Bleach is a strong chemical cleaner designed to remove stains and turn a surface white. The verb “to bleach” often means to sanitize completely or to turn something white. Using bleach on a quartz countertop will quickly and possibly permanently discolor your stone and remove its shine.

Harsh Cleaners

Strong chemicals like drain cleaners and ammonia are very strong and can damage your quartz countertops. Not only will the harsh chemicals dull the shine, but certain products like lemon juice or high concentrations of vinegar can stick onto the countertop and chemically weaken the resin. If left unchecked, it could cause small cracks to form which also dulls the shine.

Conclusion

Quartz countertops are thankfully easy to maintain, so keeping them shiny does not require much effort. By properly cleaning your quartz countertop once a day, deep clean when there are any stains, removing any dust and avoid hazardous cleaning products; your quartz countertops will be shining bright for the rest of your life.