

# tropical brown granite etching

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We are researching possible granites for kitchen countertops. We want them to be as maintenance free as possible and to look good for a long time. Tropical brown is one choice because of it being fairly non-porous. I purchased your article "How to shop ..." and tried the lemon juice test on 3 samples from different fabricators. None of the samples seemed to absorb any of the lemon juice so I think that tells me they wouldn't need sealing, correct? However, after about 15 minutes of having the lemon juice on, one of the samples left what appears to be a permanent dull mark. What would cause this? In another reply you said that this granite doesn't etch so I am confused. The sample that etched was from the lowest price fabricator whom I was hoping to use (good references). Would it be worth waiting for their next shipment to see if it is the same way or is the etching an indicator of an inferior or "doctored" stone? I don't want to purchase anything that I will have to constantly worry about staining or etching. Thanks for your help.

Dear Sue :

â€œIs the etching an indicator of an inferior or "doctored" stone? â€•

Of course it is!

â€œWould it be worth waiting for their next shipment to see if it is the same way â€•

You can do that. It won't cost you anythingâ€¦ J

Let it just be known that personally I don't believe in Santa.

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm>  
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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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