

black granite tile countertop - seams

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I have black 12"X12" squares of granite installed as a kitchen countertop, the seams are so noticable instead of black they look gray. What can I use to make the seams look shiny black? I went to the hardware store to see about using black silicone caulking, but the salesman talked me out of it. thank you.

Dear Karen:

Let me see if I understand you correctly: by **seams** you mean the **grout lines** are not as black and shiny as the tiles, right?

Well, that salesman should limit himself at doing what's good at, which clearly does not include stone work. J

In fact, latex-based silicone caulking is the material that I encourage people to use all the time when installing stone tiles countertops!

It's is black, it is shiny and totally stain-proof. What else do you want from one single product?! J

Now remember, it's never too early to think about the proper maintenance of your stone. ***The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is â€œ as it should be intuitive â€œ vastly more important than its sealing*** (if and when possible and/or advisable) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm , you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it â€œ a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€œ is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm> .

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Ciao and good luck,

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