Enhancing edge color on granite counter tops

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I selected Kashmir Gold granite for my kitchen. When the fabricator installed the counter tops and island top the milled edges were night and day different in color from the tops much like the old suntan highway signs showing a dog pulling down a persons swim suit. The cut on the counter top was a bullnose and the cut on the island was a cove olgie. They have applied a "plain" ager, Tyger Ager, and a microfissure sealer with minimal results. Any recommendations about what else might be done. We love the granite but what sits in our kitchen is unacceptable. HELP!

Dear Ken:

If the edges were polished right, I must assume that your slab has been resined by the factory. The resining process – which overall is very good thing, especially with a "sponge― like Kashmir – does enhance the color of the stone and, of course, the edges, which are obviously not resined, will show a lighter hue.

How to overcome that? With the application of a good quality stone color enhancer.

Your fabricator did that, but with no results?

Why?

Not all color enhancers are created equal, that's why. Or maybe, under the circumstances, they should have tried using a penetrating epoxy. After all, they use epoxy to resin slabs in the factories. But it's too late now.

Solution?

I really don't know. Whatever they applied to your countertop is deep inside the stone and cured by now and will probably prevent a better product from being absorbed by it.

In other words, there's no easy solution and you will have to work things out with your fabricator.

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Ciao and good luck,

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