

To travertine or not??

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Hello, We are replacing our entryway, kitchen, and eat-in kitchen. We have four kids and a dog. Our resembles that of "Cheaper by the Dozen". They spill everything and our extremely messy. My husband wants Travertine installed and I am scared to death. What would your recommendation be? which would be better, honed, polished or tumbled. Thanks for you help

Dear Jamie:

Under the circumstanced, if your DH loves so much the look of travertine, ou may want to look into travertine look-alike porcelain tiles. They are as maintenance-easy as they can.

If it must be the real thing, then it will have to be tumbled, filled and color-enhanced.

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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Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

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