

Marble Kitchen countertops

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Dear Maurizio, We recently installed HONED carrara marble in our kitchen. I was told if I keep applying a water/vinegar solution, the marble will continue to hone further. Is this true? Is this desirable? Thank You

Dear Renee:

No, it is not true: water and vinegar will only make the finish duller producing a lower hone-finish than you have now. But that is not technically honing: it's acid washing or, better yet, acid etching. Is that what you want?

Desirable? Not in my book. Occasional spillage of acidic liquids on a kitchen countertop is one story and, besides, it can't be helped. A systematic application of an acid to a stone that's sensitive to acids is a totally different story, and something that I certainly would not do to my own marble countertop.

If you desire a lower hone-finish use an orbital sander (**not** a belt sander) with a 60 grit metal-grade sand-paper. That's quite easy to do and perfectly sound.

And remember to use a good quality cleaning agent rated for stone like MB-5 for your daily cleaning.

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

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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