

Pietra di Cardosa kitchen countertops

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I am moving into a new apartment with brand new Pietra di Cardosa kitchen countertops. I like to cook, so I will be using the countertops often and want to avoid stains, etching, etc. I have read online that even lemon juice will cause etching/pitting, and the stone is very porous so easy to stain. Is there any way to avoid these problems? An impregnator/penetrating sealer may help prevent stains, but what about etching? Is there such a thing as a surface sealer that creates a clear film on top of the counter that will be water-tight and prevent etching? Perhaps some kind of hard clear epoxy or resin? Or should I put a layer of glass over all the countertops? Any other advice? Thanks.

Dear Craig:

œ I have read online that even lemon juice will cause etching/pitting œ

Correct. And that is why Pietra di Cardoso is the last thing that you want in a kitchen.

œ Is there any way to avoid these problems? An impregnator/penetrating sealer may help prevent stains, but what about etching? œ

Like you already concluded, an impregnator will help (and only help) prevent staining. Nothing will prevent etchings.

œ Is there such a thing as a surface sealer that creates a clear film on top of the counter that will be water-tight and prevent etching? œ

Nope.

œ Perhaps some kind of hard clear epoxy or resin? œ

Nope. Wellœ there are a few, but they always represent a œsolutionœ much worse than the problem, not to mention that they look awful! L

• Or should I put a layer of glass over all the countertops? •

Indeed, that would be the only solution.

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Ciao and good luck,

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