Marble Top Coffee Table

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Q. My coffee table has spots and stains on it. It is very dull in certain places. What can I use to clean my table and also remove the spots and stains?

A. I am afraid you're talking about a few issues here. It sounds like an acidic substance etched your stone, leaving the dull marks, then in addition to that a staining agent left stains. To be clear though, a stain will be darker than the stone. If the marks are lighter then that is more than likely from the etching. So, there are two things -- no three things that you will want to do.

First, you will want to create a poultice to draw out the stains. Refer to the <u>Stone Care Guide</u> for instructions. Then, secondly, you will want to polish out the etching using <u>MB-11 Marble Polishing Compound</u>. However, if the etching is severe (you can feel the roughness with your fingertips or the damaged area is large) you may want to call in a pro (<u>www.stoneandtilepros.com/findapro.php</u>)

Finally, you may want to seal the marble to inhibit further staining. The <u>Stone Care Guide</u> will tell you more about this. This won't do anything to protect from etching, so be very careful with acidic liquids. Use a coaster under drinks and clean up any spills immediately.

For routine cleaning, be sure to use a stone safe cleaner. We recommend <u>MB Stonecare MB-5.</u> Best of luck!