

Marble-top table

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I have recently inherited an antique marble-top table. It has been neglected for quite some time and needs to be cleaned. What is the best way to clean it? There are several rings left by glasses.

Dear Kathy:

One thing is for sure: you're not going to be able to remove those "rings" by **cleaning** your marble top!

I'm also pretty sure that beside the rings you have more different damages on that stone and none of them could be **cleaned off**!

Considering that's an antique, your only option is to hire a bona fide stone restoration contractor who will lightly grind (hone) and then polish your stone.

Now, you'd better watch out! I consider stone refinishing as the very pinnacle of all the activities related to stone from a professional point of view. Unfortunately, there are a lot of quacks on the loose out there! You get one of those, and you may have to kiss your stone bye-bye!

How could you tell a champ from a chomp? Could you trust the recommendation of your local stone distributor, or contractor, or your interior decorator? Hardly!

We have available a very comprehensive article on how to select a *bona fide* stone restoration contractor, which will give you all the intelligence you need to make a competent choice. It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on the Educational Literature section Of our website at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and I consider it a cheap "insurance premium" to pay when there are thousands of \$ involved! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause "YOUR cause, since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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Moreover, do take advantage of the plethora of FREE Helpful Hints available at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm>. They're on the house!

Thank you.

Ciao and good luck,

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