

Pietra Cardoza

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Q.I reentry had a custom Pietra Cardozza counter produced and installed (NJ) This was one of the worst experiences of my decorating life! I was assured by several companies I was in contact with that P/C was NOT soapstone. In fact the original stone company that is strictly a SOAPSTONE company sent me to another company because he did not carry PIETRA CARDOZZA. I was told that P/C is in the Limestone family. Can you please clarify. I would like to know what I own. I have been told to seal it about once or twice a year. It is softer than I expected. It was more costly than honed granite which is probably harder.

Thank you

A. Hello Gail,

Pietra Cardozza is a schist (geological classification). It is only found in the town of Cardozza, Italy.

The quarry produces on the one side slabs that are used in Italy for sidewalks. On the other side of the Quarry it produces slabs for the countertop trade.

It is very absorbent, scratches easily, comes in many different finishes and contains calcites so it will etch. I have refinished many slabs of Pietra in many homes which led to believe it doesn't work that great in a kitchen.

As far as sealing, is it color enhanced or has it been sealed with an impregnating sealer.

You shouldn't have to seal this once or twice a year but I don't know what the contractors have done to the stone thus far. I may be able to help you out with some of your issues.

I work out of Newark NJ so if you want to reach me for further info please do.

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