

Brushed Travertine

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We recently installed travertine in our kitchen, sunroom, foyer and bathrooms. It is absolutely gorgeous. The company we purchased it from (Build Direct) calls it "brushed" travertine. The brand is Kesir, and we bought the Meandros Walnut in an Antique pattern. Here is the description from the BuildDirect: "The Kesir Meandros Antique Travertine Tiles product line consists of high quality brushed and chiseled travertine tiles in a rustic antique pattern. The brushed surface and chiseled edges give the appearance of travertine that has been gently worn by centuries of use. This tile is perfect for those looking for the rich, traditional feel of an Italian villa. The Meandros Antique Pattern is equivalent to unfilled Oasis Grade." A professional installed it and we are totally in love with it. Since we know it is not polished, what exactly is "brushed" and is it a good choice for the areas we selected? Any special concerns with this type of travertine? Should we seal with MB-4 in all the areas, or just the kitchen? Thanks so much.

Dear Marianne:

Brushed is a finish that's produced by rubbing brushes with plastic bristles imbedded with synthetic diamond pads over the surface of the stone while continuously lubricated with water.

Fantastic finish for a worry-free, yet classical installation!

For sealing purposes only, once you apply the impregnator in the kitchen is all you will ever need; but if you would like to also enhance the color of the stone (if it gets darker when wet), then aesthetic reasons get into play and at that point you may want to consider applying a good-quality stone color enhancer/impregnator like MB-6 all over the place.

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Ciao and good luck,

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