## removing a granite backsplash

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We recently purchased a new home and had the builder install verde granite countertops in the kitchen. I originally wanted to have the backsplash done in white tumbled travertine but the builder put granite there instead. My husband says leave it alone but it's just not the look that I was hoping for. I would like to know how difficult it would be to remove the granite backsplash and whether this is something that we should attempt on our own.

Dear De'Ann:

It is not too difficult.

However - whether I'm right or wrong - I consider myself a professional, and as a professional, I can't honestly encourage you to tackle a project like that yourself. I'm sure you can appreciate that.

Now remember, it's never too early to think about the proper maintenance of your stone. *The issue of what you'll be doing day in and day out to your stone is far more important than the sealing itself* (if and when needed) and it's all too often neglected. As you can tell by reading many of this site's postings, you're not likely to get good information about it from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: <a href="http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm">http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm</a>, you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it – a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark – is available in pay- per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <a href="http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm">http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm</a>.

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Ciao and good luck,

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