

# Marble kitchen countertops

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Dear Maurizio, I am about to install carrera marble kitchen countertops. Should I get Honed or Polished?

Danielle

Dear Danielle:

Hone-finished and as low (honed) as possible.

However, whether the choice of hone-finished marble is a good one for the applications that you have in mind, it is not a matter of stone; it is rather a matter of collective culture of a certain community. Let me explain myself better:

People buy blue-jeans for their practicality and, not only won't they mind when their pants will "age", but most people actually look forward to that!

Within the North American culture, the same principle does not appear to be accepted and embraced when it comes to natural stone. In here, most people would like to have their stone "no matter what the original finish is" to stay brand-new all the time, and any sign of "aging" is considered a "damage" that must be rectified.

That is the difference between the collective culture of, say, the Mediterranean basin and other communities, such as North America.

Over there they just use and abuse (enjoy, that is) their stones and they only care for them with a good stone cleaner. And! the "older" they get the better they look!

Over here, we're "slave" of our stones!!

In conclusion, as you can see, I can't answer your question objectively.

You are the only one with the answer!

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Ciao and good luck,

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