

# Please Help me... Countertop vs. Backsplash design help needed.

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Hello there. I really need help please. I have ordered vyara gold marble countertop. I have pepercorn cabinets (a blackish color) and I also laid down a new hardwood floor. Its light wood almost a very light brown with just a few grains in it. Problem..I cant get something to blend everything together for my backsplash.. Please help me.... I spent a fortune on my kitchen and I am afraid it make a horrible mistake. Thank you so much .. I pray to GOD you can help...

Dear Jody:

Right or wrong, some say that I know a couple of things about stone, but all those who know me well enough, unanimously and wholeheartedly agree that I make the lousiest decorator on planet Earth!!... :-(  
I'm strictly a mechanic, so, please, leave me out of the decorating business; I'm even 25% colorblind, for crying out loud! :-)

And you don't need to pray, either: you can get advice from the right type of professionals...

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 its sealing** (if and when possible and/or advisable) 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: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/helpful-hints.htm>, you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it â€” a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark â€” is available in pay- per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>.

And remember, every single penny of the cost of the literature will be used to support this site and its cause: **your** cause.

While you are in the â€œHelpful Hintsâ€• section, do spend some time reading all of the interesting FREE articles you'll find in there!

Finally, keep in mind that we need your support to help us helping you!

Will you please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm?>

By spreading the word about this valuable site among your friend & family and the stone trades' people you've been dealing with, you will be rendering everybody a valuable service!

Thank you

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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