

# 3cm Crema Marfil Coffee stain

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Maurizio, One of our clients, we are a general contractor, got a coffee stain on a crema marfil 3cm vanity top. Is there a good way to remove the stain? Also, to prevent spills from soaking up in the future, is there one of your products that you recommend? Thanks, Nathan

Dear Nathan:

No biggie!

When it comes to stain removal, either you buy one of those expensive "Professional kits" (that true professionals seldom use!) at a stone retailer near you, or you can spend less money and get our comprehensive guidelines on how to remove stains by using inexpensive and far more effective means that you may already have in your household! Such impressive piece of literature will also tell you how to tell stains apart from "stains", and what to do about the latter! It does carry a small price tag, and you can order it by logging on at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/literature.htm>. It's available in pay-per-download format and it's much cheaper than any kit on the market! Not to mention the little and much needed support you'd be giving to the cause "your cause" - since every single penny of the cost of the article will be used to support it.

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As for possibly preventing future stains, there's nothing out there in terms of impregnating sealers (like MB-4) that could guarantee full sealing performance. Impregnators only give you reaction time. If you leave a staining agent sitting on the surface of the stone long enough, sealed or not, it **will** go in! And, BTW, staining polished Crema Marfil is not easy! In fact, it's virtually impossible sealing it due the inherent natural density of the stone. So I would consider that episode like a rare occurrence, chalk it up to "stuff happens!" and forget about it. The chances that it will stain again are remote at best. And then again, what's the big deal? Removing an occasional stain is child play, like you will find out.

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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