

honed Thassos marble for backsplash

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I have been reading your Q&A and I am considering using a white Thassos marble for the backsplash of my kitchen. (There is polished option and a honed option.) Would the honed option be less susceptible to staining. Or would you just stick with glass or ceramic. Jon

Dear Jonathan:

I would go the hone-finished version. The reasoning behind this is that the polished version has too high a surface tension to allow the stone to be sealed with a good-quality stone impregnator. With its hone-finished counterpart instead it is possible to seal it properly with a highly oleophobic impregnating sealer like MB-4.

My recommendation is that you do the sealing twice, with an interval of at least 12 hours between applications, a couple of days before the installation. This will allow you to do the sealing horizontally, instead of vertically, which will make the procedure much more effective. Wait for a few days after setting before grouting.

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Ciao and good luck,

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