

granite sealer

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We are having Dakota Mahogany granite tile intalled on our kitchen countertops and are wondering what type of sealer to use. Our designer suggested MB-4.

Dear Tanya:

Before we go into the sealing, let's think about the installation, shall we?... :-)

Make sure that your setter is going to leave a 1/16" grout gap (**no** butt-joint!), and then had it filled with color-matching caulk instead of grout. Caulk is a little shiny, water-proof and stain-less. No grout can gived you that!

That said, your designer recommendation is a good one.

But... 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 â€“ like it should be intuitive â€“ vastly 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.

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Ciao and good luck,

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