

travertine countertop

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Dear Maurizio, Speaking about culture and travertina. I am going bananas listening to all specialist here in Australia. I want travertina counter tops (mocha colour) to be installed in the kitchen. Every "expert" I come across thinks I am sheer stupid to choose this beautiful material. But I want this lovely old world look on my countertops. I want them to look weary and absolutely non perfect. With years I want them to look like I transported them from Tuscany farmhouse. Do you think they are not suitable??? Barbara

Dear Barbara:

Stupid is what stupid does!... :-)

Whatever makes you happy; there are no law that say you can't use one material over an another, are there?...

However, to make sure that we are on the same page, if you really wants it to look like the "old worl", you will start with a hone-finished travertine countertop, not a polished one. If for any chance your slab is polished, have your fabricator hone it for you with a good-quality honing powder. If not get hold of a reputable stone restoration professional. To get back the depth of color that the polishing gives you, you will then apply a good-quality stone color enhancer like MB-6. After that, clean it with a good-quality product like MB-5 and... enjoy it!

Depending on which area of Oz you live in, contact Reg Pinto at: <http://www.thestonedoctor.net>. He may be able to locate a good stone restoration contractor for you, should your fabricator be unable to face-hone your slab.

May I ask you now to please read and e-sign our Statement of Purpose at: <http://www.marblecleaning.org/purpose.htm> ? J

Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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