

# permanent marker stain removal from granite?

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HELP! I got some green permanent marker on my giallo ornamental. Can I remove this somehow or do I need to call a professional to grind it down? (and will that even work?) I have read some suggestions about making a poultice powder with corn starch or flour (or oxygen powder) and mixing it with hydrogen peroxide (although there is some debate about using hydrogen peroxide or acetone). Is this for real or am I going to end up damaging the surface with the marker still remaining? Please tell me what options I have. Thanks!

Dear Emilio:

Grinding it will not work one bit. Poulticing will, but only if you know what to poultice it with; and the two chemicals you mentioned will not cut it.

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 "oilstains", 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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Ciao and good luck,

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