

# onyx

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I would like to use onyx in the powder room as a countertop (want to underlight). I know it is liable to scratch and show wear. Other than a sealer, which I understand would provide little protection, can you think of anything I could use to coat or cover the counter and increase its durability?

Dear Melissa:

â€œOther than a sealer, which I understand would provide little protection â€•

Correction: that it will provide not a single iota of protection whatsoever.

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Nope. L

But if it is a powder room (which typically will have little use), I wouldn't worry too much about it. After all, onyx is only marginally â€œsofterâ€• than your average marble. JUST MAKE SURE THAT NO BOTTLE IS GOING TO BE SITTING ON ITS SURFACE (USE ONE OF THOSE NICE-LOOKING MIRROR TRAYS WITH FELTS UNDER THEIR FEET), AND THAT YOU USE THE RIGHT PRODUCT TO CLEAN IT WITH A GOOD-QUALITY STONE SPRAY CLEANER LIKE MB-5, AND THAT YOU â€œSPRUCE IT UPâ€• A LITTLE BIT EVERY NOW AND THEN WITH A GOOD STONE POLISH LIKE MB-13.

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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