

stain on black marble

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Dear Maurizio, i have a black marble fire hearth on which i have spilt a drink which was a fruit juice diluted with water, this has stained the marble, what would you advise i do to clean the stain and will the drink have damaged the marble. Thankyou

Dear Pat:

For starters, a stain "a real stain" is always darker than the stained material. If it is lighter, it's either a mark of corrosion created by an acid (etching), or a caustic mark created by a base (bleaching). There are no known exceptions to this rule. In the case of natural stone, bleaching can't occur, and therefore they are etch-marks all the time: plain and simple surface damages, like shallow chemical scratches. The acidity of your drink did the deed.

That duly said, you now understand that you have a surface damage to deal with, not a stain to be removed.

So, how do you go about that?

With a marble repair kit.

The centerpiece of such kit "which is probably all you need" is a polishing powder for marble that was formulated to be handled by non-professional consumer. Keep in mind that black marble is only second to green marble as far as difficulty of face polishing is concerned, but it will work!

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Ciao and good luck,

Maurizio Bertoli

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