

# Smears on Granite Countertop

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We just had lapidus granite countertop installed. When the light shows on it it looks like it has smears and a milky look threw it in places. The installer said it is the grain and differant colors in the granite just part af natural stone. is this true?

Dear Toni:

It's is really hard to tell without having the possibility to see it in person. However, if the smears follow the movements in the stone, your fabricator may be right, considering that migmatite (that's what Lapidus is) can present non-uniform polishing characteristics. However if the smearing has random patterns that go across the movements, then it could be something else. Maybe the residue of the impregnator that was applied and not thoroughly removed before it had a chance to dry?...

I'm just fishing in the dark, here; but your mention of a "milky" look leads me to consider that possibility.

Now 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 "as it should be intuitive" 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 routine care from your dealer or installer. Don't become another statistic! By logging into the Helpful Hints section of our website at: [http://www.mbstone.com/HH\\_promo/helpful\\_hints.htm](http://www.mbstone.com/HH_promo/helpful_hints.htm) , you will be able to get the short version of our maintenance guidelines at no charge. The full version of it "a 7-page document considered by many as an industry benchmark" is available in pay-per-download format in our Educational Literature section at: <http://www.mbstone.com/literature/literature.htm> .

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Ciao and good luck,

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