# **Quartzite Care & Maintenance Guide**

Quartzite is a beautiful, natural stone known for its strength, durability, and luxurious appearance. Proper care ensures it maintains its beauty for years to come.

# **Daily Cleaning**

- Use a soft cloth or sponge with a pH-neutral cleaner, stone-specific cleaner, or simply warm water and mild dish soap.

- Avoid acidic or abrasive cleaners (like vinegar, lemon, bleach, or ammonia) which can etch or dull the surface.

## **Spill Management**

- Wipe up spills immediately to prevent staining.

Pay close attention to spills from:

- Wine
- Coffee
- Oils
- Citrus juices
- Tomato-based products

Even though quartzite is less porous than marble, it can still stain if liquids are left sitting.

## Sealing

- Quartzite should be sealed regularly to maintain stain resistance—once every year, depending on usage and the stone's porosity.

- Test your seal by placing a few drops of water on the surface:

- If the water darkens the stone or is absorbed, it's time to reseal.

## **Heat Protection**

- Quartzite is heat resistant but not heatproof.

- Always use trivets or hot pads under hot pans or dishes to avoid thermal shock or potential cracking.

## **Scratch Prevention**

- Quartzite is very hard, but to prevent scratches:

- Use cutting boards instead of cutting directly on the surface.

- Avoid dragging heavy pots, pans, or appliances across the surface.

## Stain & Etch Removal

- For stains: Use a stone-safe poultice to draw out oil or organic stains.

- For etching (rare on true quartzite): Consult a stone professional, as refinishing may be needed.

#### **Long-Term Tips**

- Use coasters under glasses, especially with acidic beverages.
- Keep surfaces dry and clean, especially near sinks and cooktops.
- Avoid sitting or standing on countertops.

#### **Professional Maintenance**

- Have your countertops professionally cleaned and resealed every few years for optimal longevity.

- If unsure whether your stone is true quartzite or a soft marble-lookalike, consult your installer or fabricator for appropriate care steps.