

Soapstone Care & Maintenance Guide

Soapstone is a unique, natural stone known for its soft, smooth texture and rich, earthy appearance. Unlike other natural stones, soapstone is non-porous, chemically inert, and resistant to heat and stains—making it low-maintenance yet full of character. Proper care enhances its natural aging and patina.

Daily Cleaning

- Clean with a **soft cloth or sponge** and warm water.
 - Use a **mild dish soap** or stone-safe cleaner as needed.
 - Avoid harsh or abrasive cleaners—they're not necessary and may dull the surface.
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Stain Resistance

- Soapstone is **non-porous**, so it won't stain or absorb liquids.
 - Its resistance to acids means you don't have to worry about etching from vinegar, citrus, wine, or cleaners.
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Enhancing Color (Optional Oiling)

- Soapstone naturally darkens over time and develops a patina.
 - To **speed up and even out the darkening process**, you may apply **food-safe mineral oil** or a wax-based soapstone enhancer:
 - Apply a thin coat of mineral oil with a soft cloth.
 - Wipe off excess after 30 minutes.
 - Repeat weekly at first, then reduce frequency as the patina develops.
 - Oiling is optional—it does not protect the stone but enhances appearance.
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Scratch Management

- Soapstone is softer than other stones and can **scratch or dent** with use.
- Minor scratches can be easily removed:
 - Gently buff with **fine sandpaper (e.g., 400-grit)** or **steel wool (#0000)**.
 - Reapply mineral oil to blend the surface.

- Deeper dents or chips may be repaired with professional help.
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Heat Resistance

- Soapstone is **highly heat resistant**—you can place hot pans or pots directly on the surface without fear of damage or discoloration.
 - No need for trivets or hot pads, though they can help prevent wear over time.
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No Sealing Required

- Soapstone **does not require sealing**—its natural properties resist stains, water, and bacteria without added protection.
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Long-Term Tips

- Expect and embrace the patina—scratches, darkening, and changes in tone are all part of soapstone’s natural charm.
 - Clean regularly with simple, gentle products.
 - Use cutting boards and avoid dragging heavy objects to minimize surface marks.
 - Periodic oiling (if desired) helps maintain an even appearance.
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Professional Maintenance

- In rare cases, professional resurfacing or refinishing can restore aged or worn soapstone to its original appearance.