
Introduction

Your copper sink has a "living finish." This means that the color and tones of the copper sink will continue to change and shift over time, ranging from a lighter copper tone to a darker copper tone. This is completely normal and this change is what makes copper both unique and desirable.

To help maintain your living finish copper sink, please carefully read through the following instructions and suggestions.

Care Instructions

1. Clean the copper sink regularly, using a mild soap, warm water, and a soft cloth or non-abrasive sponge.
2. Avoid products that are engineered to kill germs and bacteria. This can harm the "living finish" and cause discoloration on the surface.
3. Strong chemicals can remove the finish and cause negative reactions on the copper surface. Avoid harsh and abrasive chemical cleaners like bleach, ammonia, rubbing alcohol, baking soda, and vinegar.
4. Avoid products manufactured for wood, tile, or window cleaning.
5. Avoid metal scrubbing pads and steel wool.
6. Avoid copper polish.
7. Avoid leaving pieces of fruit or acidic foods in the sink (like lemons, limes, oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, pineapple, tomatoes, ketchup, pepperoni, soda, mustards, vinegar, etc.). If you do happen to leave any of the above-noted items on your sink, a lighter stain will occur; you can avoid these lighter stains by cleaning the surface immediately after use. Copper is very forgiving and will darken again over time.
8. Avoid abrasive chemicals like bleach, drain unclogging chemicals, etc.
9. Avoid leaving food or dirty dishes in the bottom of your copper sink. Certain foods have qualities that will strip the patina away and bring out the lighter natural copper tones.

MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

1. After each use, please do a quick and light wipe-down with a clean and soft cloth to remove standing water on the surface.
2. A light coat of high-quality wax can be applied monthly. Apply a very thin coat of carnauba wax or beeswax.
3. Let the wax dry for approximately twenty minutes.
4. Buff to a patina-like shine with a clean soft cloth.

Water Marks

1. Apply a very thin coat of carnauba wax or beeswax.
2. Let the wax dry for twenty minutes.
3. Buff to a patina-like shine with a clean soft cloth.

Scratches & Stains

1. Leave the scratches or stains exposed to the air until the copper recovers itself to the original color; the time required for this process is a few weeks.
2. After the affected area has recovered itself to the original color, the surface should be protected again with carnauba wax or beeswax to preserve and protect the finish, following the same steps for the watermarks noted above.
3. The scratches will not be removed, but the scratches will not be visible once your sink changes back to the original color.

Light/Bright Spot

1. If you see a bright spot appear on your sink, the area will re-patina back to a darker tone with time. To help the spots fade more evenly in with the sink, clean the area with water and mild soap.

Green or Brown Spotting

1. Overexposing the sink to moisture for prolonged periods of time could cause some green spotting. This is mineral build-up that can easily be removed with a soft cloth. This will typically occur around the faucet, drain, or other areas where water pooling can occur.
2. To prevent spotting, keep water from gathering and sitting in these areas. If spotting does occur, you may wipe off with a soft cloth. Some soaps may cause spots if left to sit on the surface for a prolonged period.

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