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## How to Polish Granite Tile Countertops

• Granite tiles are an affordable option to consider when compared to granite slab countertops. Granite tiles are available in a wide range of colors and shades to match any kitchen. Granite is a hard stone, but it can be fragile. It chips and scars easily if you are not careful. The stone itself contains unique markings and shadings because of the crystalline formations. Tiles give you the option to replace individual sections if they become damaged, whereas a slab would need to be completely replaced. If your granite tile countertops look dingy or dull, you can give them new life by cleaning and polishing them.

## Things You'll Need

- Granite tile cleaner
- Soft, clean cloth
- · Granite polish

## Instructions

Clean your granite tile thoroughly with granite tile cleanser according to the package instructions. Use a clean, soft cloth and clean small spots of tile at a time to avoid streaking.

Allow the countertop to dry completely. You can buff it dry with a fresh soft cloth.

Apply commercial granite polish according to the package's instructions. Use another soft cloth, and polish the tile in smaller sections to minimize streaks.

Buff the granite tile with a soft, clean cloth. If you notice that your tiles are streaking, stop buffing and wait a few minutes. Buff the tiles again. If the tiles continue to streak, apply additional granite polish to the tiles and immediately buff them again.

## Tips & Warnings

- Clean your granite tile regularly and reseal when recommended by your tile manufacturer.
- Clean spills as soon as possible to keep from staining your granite tile.
- If you have not polished your granite tile countertops before, polish them again a few days after you polish them the first time.



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 Always use cutting boards on your granite tile countertops to keep the tile from scratching or chipping. Keep knives and other hard or sharp objects from directly hitting the tile countertops.

• Use a trivet when you place hot dishes or pans on the countertop because heat can damage your granite tiles.