



Care and Maintenance of Quartz Countertops

Many people choose quartz for its durability, its beauty and its reasonable price point. It has a lot going for it. For example, it's low maintenance, has a stately appearance, is available in many colors and is virtually invulnerable to nastiness like stains, mold and bacteria. For all its upsides, there are a few dangers to be aware of if you own a quartz countertop. You shouldn't use any acidic or abrasive cleaners on it — stick to simple soap and water instead. Quartz is only recommended for indoor use as it's durable but not indestructible. Make sure to use cutting boards, trivets and hot pads to protect your quartz countertops so that it can last for many years to come.

What You'll Need

- dish soap
- sponge
- spray bottle
- water
- isopropyl alcohol
- clean rag or towel

Step 1: Clean It Off

Always make sure to take everything off your countertops before cleaning including small appliances and any decor. This extra step goes a long way in ensuring that you've gotten everything clean. Your brain and your countertop will thank you.

Step 2: Remove the Debris

Scoop all of the crumbs and debris off the counter using a dry sponge. You can easily scoop it into the sink or use a dustpan. Getting all of the dry crud off your counter will ensure you don't scratch the surface while cleaning.



Step 3: Scrub the Surface

Apply a few drops of dish soap to a wet, nonabrasive dish sponge. Using the sponge, scrub the quartz counter in an "S" pattern from the backsplash out to the edge. You may need to scrub a bit harder on those sticky or caked on spots. For super stubborn areas, use a razor blade to remove it. Don't worry, you aren't going to scratch the surface. Simply make sure that the entire edge of the blade rests on the counter.

Step 4: Rinse the Soap Suds

Once the counter has been scrubbed, rinse all the soap suds away. Soap lifts the dirt while water washes it away. Thoroughly rinse out your sponge and use it to wipe up all of the soap suds. You may need to re-rinse the sponge a few times. Use a dry dish towel to wipe away any excess moisture once you're done.

Step 5: Disinfect the Surface

Create a simple disinfectant using 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol and two cups water in a spray bottle. You may wish to add 1-2 drops of essential oils to add a nice smell to the mixture. Spray the countertops down, making sure to cover the entire surface. Allow the cleaning solution to sit for 2-3 minutes.

Step 6: Dry the Surface

After a few minutes, the cleaning solution will disinfect your countertops. Use a clean, dry dishtowel to wipe away any remaining moisture. Now, your counters are clean, disinfected and good as new.

Cleaning quartz countertops is the same as you'd clean other countertop materials such as granite and concrete.