

Care of Slate Worktops/Hearths

1. Wipe down the worktop/hearth regularly with a damp, clean cloth. Regular wiping removes liquids so they don't soak through the finish and into the stone and removes abrasive dirt that can scratch the finish.
2. Combine 2 teaspoons of ph neutral clear liquid soap with 4 cups of water in a spray bottle. Alternatively, use a solution of mild detergent formulated for marble countertops and kitchen use.
3. Spray down the slate at least once a week with the prepared cleaning solution. Wipe down the slate with a cotton rag and rinse with clean water. The cleaner cuts through grease and dirt that regular water can't remove.
4. Lay a damp cloth over heavy dirt or dried food spills that won't wipe up easily. Leave the cloth in place for 10 to 15 minutes to loosen the dirt. Work the softened stain away with the damp cloth, rinsing it in clear water as necessary.
5. Always wipe the worktop/hearth dry after each cleaning, using a clean cotton cloth. Water left standing on the slate can leave mineral deposits or spots after it dries.

Things You Will Need

- Cotton cloths (white)
- Spray bottle
- Ph neutral clear liquid soap or mild detergent solution formulated for marble/limestones

Warnings

- Although slate can withstand mild cleaners, harsh abrasive cleaners or scrubbing pads can scratch the surface.
- Avoid cleaners that contain wax. Direct heat or hot pots on waxed slate can cause the wax to melt and stain the stone.