

Copper Sink Maintenance

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“Daily Use”

Copper sinks are not difficult to maintain, but there are a few things you need to know. Copper reacts with acids, so run water when washing fruits such as lemons, limes, oranges, tomatoes etc. Mustard and vinegar can temporarily lighten the copper sink. Don't worry. Leave the spot alone and “do not cover with wax.” With use, the natural oxidation combination of air and water will darken the copper sink back naturally in no time at all. Our copper sinks are not sealed which makes the patina a “living finish.”

“Hard Water”

If you live in an area where the mineral content is high, we suggest you wipe the sink down with a clean soft cloth after every use. This will help avoid spots. All hand soaps should be free of any citrus, as this can cause spotting. We also recommend **Renaissance Wax**. This will protect your sink against mineral deposits and other types of build ups from occurring. You can apply a new coat of wax when you notice that the water is no longer “beading-up” on the surface of your copper sink.

“Cleaning your Copper Sink”

Copper is naturally antibacterial and will do most of the work in keeping itself clean. All you have to do to maintain the sink is give it an occasional cleaning with a soft soap such as Dawn liquid soap and a soft cloth. Gently wipe the interior and exterior with warm water and mild soap, rinse and dry with a soft clean lint free cloth. **NEVER** use any sort of abrasive cleanser, copper cleaner, or scrubber on the sink because it may scratch or even remove the patina. **NOTE:** if you have housecleaning done by another, you need to inform them of how to care for your copper sink, so that harsh or abrasive chemicals are not used to clean your sink.

UNDERMOUNT SINK INSTALLATION:

1. You will use the sink as your template. Place it upside down on countertop and mark countertop by tracing edge of basin. Make allowances for the faucet.
2. Measure inside edge of lip and mark countertop accordingly, inside of the first line.
3. Cut countertop on inside line.
4. Temporarily place basin in cut-out to verify proper fit.
5. Apply 100% non-water-based silicone around the hole in underside of countertop, and position basin.
6. Use a level to make sure that the basin is sitting level in all directions, front to back and side to side, while pressing down to seal.
7. Copper sinks: Mounting clip fasteners may be used to secure basin under countertop
8. Remove any excess silicone.

DROP-IN SINK INSTALLATION:

1. You will use the sink as your template. Place it upside down on countertop and mark countertop by tracing edge of basin. Make allowances for faucet
2. Measure inside edge of lip and mark countertop accordingly, inside of the first tracing made.
3. Cut countertop midway in-between the two lines.
4. Temporarily place basin in cut-out to verify proper fit.
5. Apply 100% non-water-based silicone around cut-out in countertop and place basin in cut-out.
7. Use a level to ensure that the basin is sitting level in all directions while pressing down to seal.
8. Remove any excess silicone.

VESSEL SINK INSTALLATION:

1. Turn sink over and measure the outside lip of the drain opening and mark countertop.
 2. Cut a 2-1/2 hole into countertop for drain opening. Lip of sink sits into the countertop.
 3. Place basin on top of countertop and verify that the drain flange sits down inside of countertop so bottom of vessel is flush with the countertop.
 4. Use a level to make sure that the basin is sitting level in all directions.
 5. Place 100% non-water-based silicone inside the hole, then place a small amount around the opening where the sink will be seated.
 6. Then hold down nut of the drain pipe will secure the basin to the countertop. Depending on the size of the hole in the countertop, a large washer may also be necessary.
- SimplyCopper Sinks should be installed by a licensed contractor
- Observe and comply with all building and plumbing codes.
 - All our sinks are handcrafted, and dimensions are approximate. We recommend using the actual basin for the cutout.

We Recommend All Sinks be installed by a Certified Professional.

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