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Marble Basin Care Guide

A marble basin can be a remarkable addition to any bathroom, instantly elevating its aesthetic appeal and creating a luxurious atmosphere.

Derived from the Alps of Italy, marble endures the test of time and serves as a versatile cornerstone for diverse design schemes. Its velvety smoothness and remarkable resilience effortlessly interweave wisps of misty fog into its pristine white foundation.

As marble originates from natural formations, variations in shades, veining, markings, and texture are embraced as inherent individual characteristics. Each marble piece possesses its own delightful uniqueness, boasting extraordinary organic attributes like crystallization occurrences, an array of hues and colours meandering through the slab, delicate flowing hairline patterns, and captivating instances of pitted deviations and fissures amidst the captivating intensity of marbling.

These genuine features enhance the allure and distinctiveness of marble, offering an enchanting visual journey.

## Understanding Marble

In comparison to materials like granite used in the construction of basins and worktops, marble is a slightly softer and more porous rock. This characteristic allows it to be polished to an attractive high-gloss finish but also makes it susceptible to liquid absorption through the surface. However, these porous properties contribute to the natural visual appeal of marble, including unique veining and pitting that develops as the stone cools naturally within the Earth's surface.

It's important to note that certain areas of the stone, particularly those with deep cuts for fixtures like bathtubs or basins, may be more fragile due to these natural intricacies. Therefore, it is advisable to avoid placing excessive weight or pressure on the surface, such as kneeling, sitting, standing, or walking, as this could potentially cause cracks or breakages.

## Cleaning Marble

It is essential to exercise caution when cleaning your marble basin. Being a natural material, marble possesses an intricate and slightly porous structure, making it susceptible to potential damage, dulling, or staining from certain cleaning products and techniques.

**To ensure the lasting longevity of your marble, please adhere to the following steps:**

- Avoid using cleaning products not specifically designed for marble or recommended by professionals.
- Keep your marble clean by using a diluted detergent or neutral soap solution with a non-abrasive, colourless cloth once or twice a week.

- Do not use abrasive products like scourers, bleach, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide, or vinegar, as they can damage the marble.
- Immediately tend to spills on the surface, especially if they contain alcohol or are acidic, to prevent soaking and potential staining.
- Dry water from countertops to prevent water staining.
- Use coasters or trivets to avoid leaving ring marks and stains from bottles and containers.
- Apply a trusted specialist stone sealer to maintain and protect your marble annually for optimal results and longevity.



### Frequently Asked Questions

**Can I expect the product I receive to be an exact match to the image displayed?**

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No. As a naturally occurring material, marble exhibits inherent variations in colour, pattern, texture, and surface features, resulting in no two pieces being exactly the same, despite being sourced from the same quarry. These unique characteristics develop over millions of years through geological processes and should be taken into account when viewing product images as they serve as a representative guide only.

**If I order two of the same item, can I expect them to be identical?**

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No. Due to the natural properties of marble, no two pieces will be identical. Additionally, variations in shade and color can occur when products are cut from different blocks.

**Is it possible to repair marble if it breaks or chips?**

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In cases where there are significant cracks affecting the durability of the marble, the most effective solution is to replace the marble entirely. However, there are independent specialists available who can restore minor marks and damages to nearly their original appearance. It's worth noting that deep veining in certain marble varieties can make any damage less noticeable.

**How should I care for my marble?**

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It is advisable to refrain from using products that contain harmful chemicals and instead opt for a mild diluted cleaner applied on a cloth (avoid direct spraying onto the marble). Alternatively, follow the cleaning product recommendations provided by the installer. Take caution with acidic substances like toothpaste and beauty products, as they can potentially cause issues. If any spills containing acid occur, make a diligent effort to clean them promptly to avoid leaving deep stains and ring marks.

**How practical is marble?**

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Marble is highly manageable in bathroom spaces as it requires minimal maintenance. It is generally recommended by sealant manufacturers to reseal marble surfaces annually to ensure their longevity. While our marble pieces are initially sealed upon arrival, we advise following the guidance of the sealant manufacturer and investing in resealing for prolonged protection.

**Is it possible to correct or remove stains from marble?**

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To address deep-set stains on marble, the recommended approach is to hire a professional to re-grind and polish the affected area. Fortunately, one advantage of marble is that this restoration work can be performed on-site by an independent specialist.



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