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Lusso Pietra **Marble Care Guide**

Incorporating Pietra into your bathroom or kitchen design is an aesthetic investment that you'll want to safeguard.

Protecting your bath, basin or countertop is paramount to its longevity, and with the correct care, you're able to enjoy the virtues of this breathtaking material for years to come.

Read overleaf for essential information on how to care for your Pietra marble.

Understanding Pietra marble

When compared to similar materials used in the composition of basins and worktops such as granite, marble is a slightly softer and more porous variety of rock.

Although this means that it can be polished to an attractive high gloss finish, its porous properties mean that it's also susceptible to liquids being absorbed through the surface.

These same properties give marble the natural characteristics that make this rock so visually appealing, including pitting and veining that's unique to each section having formed in the surface of the earth as the stone cools naturally.

These same natural intricacies may mean that select areas of the stone can be weaker, especially if they feature a deep cut for the likes of a bathtub or basin. You should therefore avoid kneeling, sitting, standing or walking upon the surface as this may result in a crack or break.

Cleaning Pietra marble

Care needs to be employed when it comes to cleaning your bath, basin or countertop. Marble is a natural material, and the intricate and slightly porous structure of this stone means that it risks being chipped, dulled or stained by some cleaning products and techniques. To ensure the lasting longevity of your Pietra marble:

- You should avoid cleaning products unless they're specifically designed for marble or recommended by professionals. To keep your marble clean and looking at its brilliant best, use a diluted detergent or simple, neutral soap solution with a clean, colourless and non-abrasive cloth once or twice a week.
- Avoid using abrasive products such as scourers that could scratch or scuff the surface, use light pressure and never scrub the surface, wiping the marble dry afterwards. You should also never use the likes of bleach, baking soda, hydrogen peroxide or vinegar to clean the marble.
- If something is spilt on the stone's surface, tend to the spillage immediately rather than allowing it the opportunity to soak – especially if the liquid contains alcohol or is acidic. You should also dry water from the countertops where possible to avoid the risk of water staining.
- Marble stone is a porous material and will quickly soak up any liquid. With this in mind, you should never leave bottles and containers on the surface, instead, try using coasters or trivets to avoid leaving ring marks and stains.
- You should use a trusted, specialist stone sealer to properly maintain your Pietra marble once a year. By doing this, you'll achieve the best results, ensure maximum protection and prolong the life of your marble.

