



## DE-GLOSSING & PROTECTING COUNTERS

This can be done at the 24-hour mark after the initial Crystal Top Epoxy has dried or as an ongoing maintenance of the countertop. This look is comparable to the honed finish of granite and natural stone making your custom installation more authentic looking and less “plastic-like” which the new epoxy shows.

We recommend doing this to your samples

1. Clean counters with Windex using a soft cloth
2. Be sure that surfaces that may receive “spin off” of wax or oil are covered for their protection.
3. Attach 3M's Ultra Fine Scotch-Brite Scuffing Disc to a random orbital sander at higher speed. These should be available at your wholesale automotive paint shops.
4. Apply blobs of Mineral Oil (available at most drug stores or Target) or Howard's Feed-N-Wax Wood Preserver (available at most Home Depots) to the countertop, which will be used as a lubricant for the Scotch-Brite pads. (Do not confuse mineral oil with mineral spirits.)
5. Gently rub the Scotch-Brite pad in the Mineral Oil or Howard's Feed-N-Wax and then begin to sand the counters to achieve a semi-gloss look.
  - a. If using Howard's make sure to wipe off the wax before it dries.
  - b. Mineral Oil will leave the surface slightly more glossy than the Howard's.
6. Consider using soft paper towel or microfiber towel to wipe off.
7. If swirl marks exist in the countertop surface, use Black Magic swirl remover (also available at your wholesale automotive shop) or Meguiar's SWIRLX. These may be wiped on with a foam pad and wiped off with a microfiber cloth or polishing pad.
8. Should you wish to add a degree of shine after this, look at using Meguiar's NXT Generation wax of choice. For those who wish this coat to be more food friendly, use Beeswax or Howard's Butcher Block Conditioner.
9. This process will leave you with a semi-gloss look and more scratch resistant surface and incredibly smooth to the touch.

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