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EXPERIENCE THE BEAUTY OF SOAPSTONE

SoapStone or steatite is a metamorphic rock that comes in degrees of hardness. It is composed of talc, magnesium silicate and chlorite. The softer version is known as "talc" and is used to carve or crush to a powder for a variety of purposes.

SoapStone countertop fabricators use the harder version of steatite, which makes it appropriate for countertops and other similar uses that require durability and other unique properties. It is a quarried stone that comes in shades such as green/gray, blue/ gray and charcoal gray in its natural state but with the application of mineral oil SoapStone will acquire a lustrous patina over time.

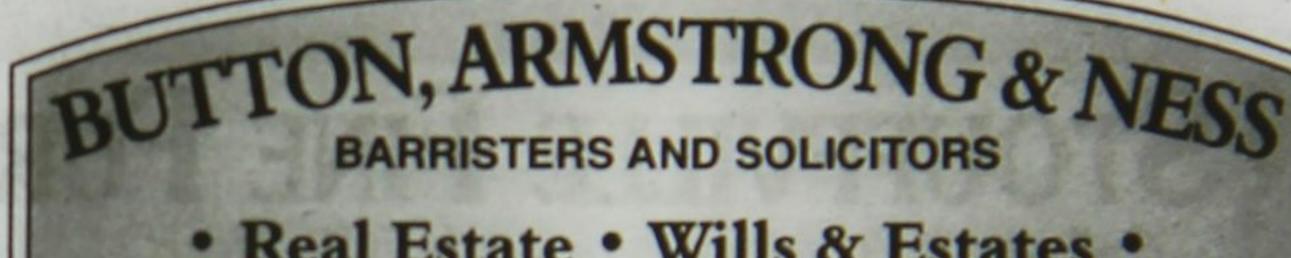
SoapStone is non-porous, bacteria, stain and heat resistant. Because of its density SoapStone needs no man made sealers. Applying mineral oil periodically will enhance the inherent natural beauty of SoapStone's characteristics

Surface scratches can be repaired with the application of mineral oil or an occasional light sanding. The use of this beautiful, natural and time honored material will make any project a source of great pride and enjoyment for many years to come.

As is true with all luxury stones, the beauty of SoapStone certainly accounts for much of its popularity. SoapStone, however, holds some advantages over marble, granite and other natural stones and even polyester acrylic solid surface tops.

As we say in the SoapStone business - NO NEED TO CRY OVER SPILLED MILK, WINE, SAUCE OR ANYTHING.

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