

## **Maia**

Over short period of time in use in the home, maia worktops will develop a smoother finish and appearance. In the first days after installation the dry finish of the surface may show finger marks more readily than it will do when it has achieved this patina .

Regular cleaning with warm soapy water is the usual first step to remove surface marks. If grease marks remain, the gentle abrasive of Cif Cream cleaner will remove most marks without harming the surface at all. This sort of cleaning has a positive effect on maia. For very stubborn grease marks or burnt on areas of fat splashes for instance, Fairy Power Spray will cut through this very easily.

It is possible to enhance the surface lustre by using Countertop Magic #; as with any treatment of this nature, the application has to be repeated in order to maintain the same finish across all areas of the kitchen.

### **Initial treatment and cleaning –**

First ensure that your maia worksurface is thoroughly cleaned with warm soapy water or Fairy Power Spray to remove any greasy residues. A mild abrasive cream cleaner such as Cif cream is also a good part of your regular maintenance regime.

### **Countertop Magic**

Countertop Magic is designed to give a lustre to solid surface worktops – this will be particularly noticeable on darker décors. It will also help to build up the natural patina of your surface and a protective layer that will repel dirt and liquids.

Use daily when your maia worktops are first installed, after the first week this can then be reduced to a weekly application.

Apply the cleaner using the microfibre cloth# and buff to leave a streak free finish.

Countertop Magic will not remove scuffs or scratches but can mask the effect.

### **• WHENEVER TRYING TO REMOVE MARKS OR SCRATCHES ALWAYS TRY THE LEAST SEVERE METHOD FIRST •**

#### **1) Everyday marks**

Using a mild abrasive cleaner such as Cif cream, work in a circular motion; wipe away all residue and buff dry. Apply Countertop Magic if applicable.

#### **2) Fine scuffs and scratches**

Cover the affected area with a liberal amount of soapy water. Place the Scotch-Brite™ pad # onto the wet surface and, using a sanding block # or firm sponge to ensure even spread of pressure, rub over the affected area in a circular motion. A slight paste will be generated that aids the scouring process and helps to maintain the original level of surface finish.

Repeat step 1.

If marks are still evident, repeat the Scotch-Brite™ process or, in the case of deeper scratches, move on to step 3.

#### **3) Removal of deeper scratches**

Ensure that the surface is clean and dry before starting. Place the sanding disc # onto the sanding block ensuring that it is located correctly and wrapped onto both sides of the block.

Using small circular movements, work a small area around the affected part of the surface. A small amount of dust will be generated – this will need to be wiped off to check progress and before moving onto the next step.

When the mark has been removed the repaired area will retain very fine sanding marks; these are removed by repeating step 2 and then step 1 to blend in the refurbished area. Each time you move back through the steps, work a slightly wider area so as to help this blend in.

# Items marked with # are included as part of the **maia Care Kit** available from retailers or at [www.maiaworksurfces.co.uk](http://www.maiaworksurfces.co.uk)