VANITY TOPS INSTALLATION

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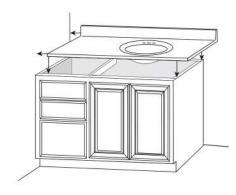


The tips and tricks in this instructional guide are compiled from years of experience and recommendations of professionals to help you do a perfect job of installing your Mr.Marble products. **Disclaimer: This instructional guide is to be used as a guide.** Every house, cabinet and vanity top are slightly different and may require an alternative approach than the one outlined.

DRY-FITTING & SIZING

Dry-fit the vanity top and check for proper fit and overhang. If the vanity top touches a wall, there is often a small gap between the vanity top and the wall. This gap can be filled with a small bead of clear or white silicone or it can be hidden with a separate side splash. If the vanity top needs to be cut or sanded for better fitting, please see step 2.

Supports - There should be a support in the cabinet on either side of the bowl, normally about 5" away from the bowl.

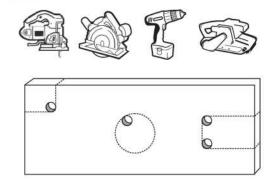


When dry-fitting the vanity top, it is easy to hit a wall and cause damage to the drywall or paint. Setting the vanity top on the cabinet and then sliding it towards the wall(s) will help avoid scrapes or dents in your walls. When installing between two walls, some trimming may be necessary for a proper fit.

2. SANDING, CUTTING & NOTCHING

Vanity Tops can be cut or sanded using wood cutting tools such as circular saws, jig saws, and belt sanders. If you need to notch your lavatory, first drill holes in the corners of the area to be notched, and then cut between the holes.

It is important to leave a radius in the corner to avoid the possibility of stress cracks.



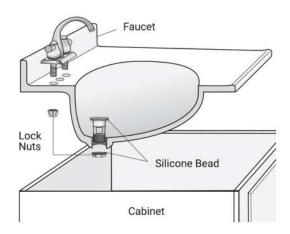
If cutting is necessary, cut from the back side to avoid scratching or chipping the finished side. Leaving a little extra material while cutting allows you to belt-sand to your cut line for a perfect edge.

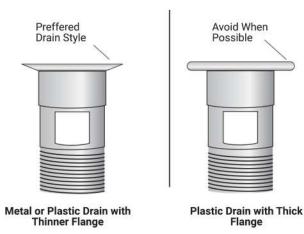
Rounded corners can be made by drilling 1/4" or larger holes at the corners of the openings and then cutting between holes with a jigsaw.



3. FAUCET & DRAIN

We recommend using a metal or plastic drain that has a thinner flange. The thinner flange will allow water to flow down the drain without sitting (see photo to the right). Apply a bead of 100% silicone around the drain flange and attach the drain to the lavatory. Excess silicone can be easily removed using rubbing alcohol and a paper towel. Use only 100% silicone for the drain installation. Avoid using plumbers putty or other construction caulk as these tend to cause leaks and discoloration over time.

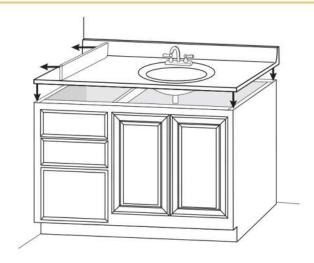




4. SETTING VANITY TOP

Once the drain and faucet are installed onto the Vanity Top put a few spots of silicone along the top edge of the cabinet. Set the lavatory onto the cabinet. The silicone will secure it in place.

If installing side splashes or separate back splash, apply a small amount of silicone on the back side of the splash and firmly press against the wall. Avoid applying silicone too close to the edges of the splash in order to keep clean up to a minimum (see next step).



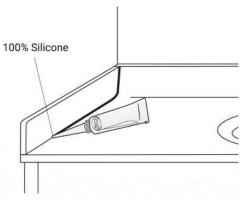
After the Vanity Top is in place there may be small gaps along the backsplash or wall sides. These gaps can be filled in with a bead of paintable caulk or color match silicone (apply as small a bead as possible). Silicone is not paintable.

5. SIDE SPLASHES & SEALANT

For splashes, apply a small amount of silicone on the backside of the splash and set it in place, pressing it against the wall.

Side splashes and back splashes arrive pre-fit to your vanity top (4" tall unless specified otherwise).

Finish the installation using 100% silicone for all seams between the vanity top and splashes.



To help clean any excess silicone, have a bottle of rubbing alcohol and a roll of paper towels available. Also, if you use your finger to smooth the silicone bead, dampening your finger with the rubbing alcohol will help make a smooth bead and also reduce smearing. For care, cleaning, and other helpful suggestions, please see further instructions below.

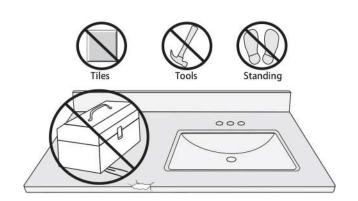


VANITY CARE INFROMATION

PREVENTING SCRATCHES AND CHIPS

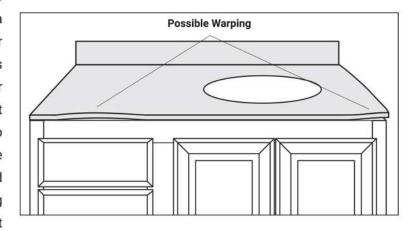
Most chips and scratches occur when construction or remodeling is in process. Avoid setting tool boxes on the Vanity Top. Also, be careful not to drop tools or other construction materials, such as tiles on the lavatory. Do not stand on the Vanity Top.

When possible, leave the protective plastic film on the lavatory and even place a drop cloth or cardboard on it when there will be major work done



WHAT TO DO IF THE LAVATORY IS NOT STRAIGHT

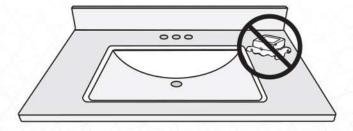
The same molecular structure that makes our products resistant to breakage also makes them able to bend over a period of time if not supported properly. Sagging or warping problems generally occur when a Vanity Top is allowed to sit with no support, or when the cabinet or other structure it is installed on is improperly designed so that long sections of the Vanity Top (over 10") extend with no support. If the Vanity Top is not straight, it can be made straight in a few minutes by properly supporting it and applying weight to flatten it. To speed the straightening process, apply heat with a hair dryer or heat gun. Try to get the temperature up to 90 degrees.



PREVENTING TRAPPED / LONGSTANDING WATER

If left for long periods of time, wet soap bars, or any decorative items which can trap water under them, can cause water penetration. If this happens, simply move the item to allow that area to "dry out". Move and clean under these type of items routinely.







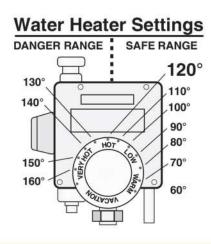
PREVENTING HEAT DAMAGE

Water heater temperatures should always be set to the recommended "safe temperature" to avoid burns (and save money on utility bills).

Cracked bowls are rare, but extreme water temperature can cause cracking in the bowls over time due to expansion "shock".

Check your water temperature and make sure it is not higher





VANITY FINISHES AND CLEANING

GLOSS Finish:

The Glossy surface is a tough clear layer of stain-resistant resin, that is polished using high-speed buffers.

MATTE Finish:

The surface of your lavatory is lightly abraded to achieve a uniform matte finish and then sealed with our Matte Surface Sealer.

Cleaning: For polishing and brilliance, use Gel Gloss, which can be purchased at any local hardware store.

