

# SINKOLOGY 101: THE 3C'S - COPPER, CLEANING AND CARE



## COPPER

The charisma and charm of copper is its living finish. It will change and react over the course of use. That means if you accidentally leave toothpaste in the bath sink or forget to wash out the food from last night's dinner, you will notice a change in the copper finish. This will inevitably happen and is completely normal. So, when it does happen, take a deep breath, sit back, relax and let the patina process take over.

Patina is a natural coating that builds on copper over time to protect it from corrosion. Spots and blemishes will appear (from things like citrus, salt, ketchup and toothpaste), but just like a brand new penny under your couch cushion, over time it will re-patina and darken leaving your sink with a rich coppery blend of light and dark tones.



## CLEANING

Below is a brief, but important, list of Do's and Do Not's:

- + DO - Wash daily with mild soap and water and a soft cloth or sponge.
- + DO - Dry occasionally with a soft cloth to minimize water spots.
- DO NOT use strong abrasive cleaners, metal scrub pads, or steel wool. These will scratch the surface.
- DO NOT leave rubber mats or sponges inside the sink. Water trapped below could lead to stains.
- DO NOT let food, dishes, toothpaste or pots and pans sit inside the copper sink for prolonged periods of time.
- DO NOT allow chlorine bleach in contact with your Copper sink. It will remove the patina and drastically alter the finish of your sink.
- DO NOT allow drain cleaners to come into contact with the sink surface.



## CARE

To help protect the finish of your copper sink and reduce spotting, we recommend applying Sinkology's Copper Armor. A monthly coating of Copper Armor is the best way to protect your sink and keep it looking as even and consistent as a living finish can look.