

# Care & Cleaning

# **Antique Finish Hammered Copper**

Copper is a living metal that will naturally patina over time. Our Antique finish copper is a rich, warm brown, achieved through a hand-applied patina process. Our Antique finish is not waxed or sealed; it will react to its environment as the piece develops character. Acidic substances such as lemons, ketchup, or red wine may alter the copper finish after prolonged contact. A unique characteristic of copper is that it is self-healing, so not to worry − in a short time (usually just days) it will naturally re-patina itself. Antique's beauty is ever-changing and no two pieces are alike. Caring for this finish is particularly simple since the hammered texture does not show fingerprints. For basic cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Abrasives should never be used as they may affect the finish. For extra protection, a product such as Flitz Faucet Wax + may be applied. If an unchanging finish is desired, Native Trails MetalProtect™ may be applied for long lasting protection with consistency of finish.

# **Tempered Finish Hammered Copper**

Copper is a living metal that will naturally patina over time. Our Tempered finish is a remarkable mottling of copper hues, created through a complex heating and cooling process. Products in Tempered finish are not sealed; they will react to their environment as they develop character. Acidic substances such as lemons, ketchup, or red wine may alter the copper finish after prolonged contact. A unique characteristic of copper is that it is self-healing, so not to worry − in a short time (usually just days) it will naturally repatina itself. Tempered's beauty is ever-changing and no two pieces are alike. Caring for this finish is particularly simple since the hammered texture does not show fingerprints. For basic cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Abrasives should never be used as they may affect the finish. For extra protection, a product such as Flitz Faucet Wax+ may be applied. If an unchanging finish is desired, Native Trails MetalProtect™ may be applied to create long lasting protection with consistency of finish.

# **Polished Copper Finish**

Polished Copper will begin to patina as it reacts with its environment. However, if the desire is to maintain the bright, polished look, it is easy to protect. For basic cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Abrasives should never be used as they may affect the finish. When the copper begins to patina we recommend Wright's Copper Cream to polish it, and any good copper wax such as Flitz Faucet Wax+ to maintain its original

shine and luster. For a more lasting barrier we recommend Native Trails MetalProtect™, which offers long lasting protection against tarnish and smudges.

#### **Brushed Nickel Finish**

Our Brushed Nickel finish is achieved by plating nickel over copper, followed by careful hand brushing. Brushed Nickel is easy to maintain. Caring for this finish is particularly simple since the hammered, brushed texture does not show fingerprints. For basic cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Abrasives should never be used as they may affect the finish. Acidic substances left on the nickel finish for extended periods of time may leave a slight dark mark, but this is easily removed with Flitz Polish or chrome polish.

#### **Polished Nickel Finish**

Our Polished Nickel finish is achieved by plating nickel over copper, followed by careful hand polishing. For basic cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Abrasives should never be used as they may affect the finish. To maintain the bright, mirrored finish of Polished Nickel, use chrome polish; for longer lasting protection against smudges, fingerprints, and water spots, we recommend Native Trails MetalProtect<sup>TM</sup>.

#### NativeStone®

Our NativeStone Collection is reinforced with natural jute fiber, a remarkably strong and sustainable material. The result is a much lighter weight product, about 40% lighter than standard concrete, as well as an extremely crack-resistant product. We also use an exclusive low-VOC nano sealer that literally binds with the molecules in the concrete. This makes NativeStone exceptionally stain-resistant. NativeStone is incredibly easy to keep looking like new. For ongoing maintenance, simply use mild, non-abrasive soap and cleaners. The sealer is stain and scratch resistant; however, normal care should be exercised and abrasives avoided. Wipe or rinse sink after use for best results. If your NativeStone product needs to have its sealer refreshed, we recommend our NativeStone Sealer.

## **Acacia Wood Furniture (Tables & Desks)**

Native Trails uses FSC certified acacia in our desks and tables to ensure their low impact on the earth. The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an independent, nonprofit organization established to promote and certify responsible management of the world's forests. Acacia is a highly durable and moisture resistant hardwood prized for its rich color and attractive natural grain. Avoid placing Acacia furniture in direct sunlight which can cause the wood to dry out. Clean spills from the wood with a soft cloth and warm, soapy water. Dry the wood with a second dry soft cloth or allow it to air-dry. For protection rub the acacia wood with a high-quality furniture wax immediately after cleaning. Apply additional applications of wax as needed to keep your furniture protected and looking beautiful.

#### Reclaimed Wood – Vintner's Collection

Furniture craftsmen still "make things like they used to" using woodworking traditions that go back centuries. You'll see the results of their meticulous artistry in our sustainable furniture, which is built to the standard of any heirloom quality piece, using reclaimed wood as the source material. The Vintner's Collection gives a second life to oak barrels and staves from the heart of California's wine country, then handcrafted by local artisans. The finish of these reclaimed wood bathroom vanities and mirrors is enhanced by hand waxing to bring out the color and protect the wood. Clean spills from the wood with a soft cloth and warm, soapy water. Dry the furniture with a second dry soft cloth or allow it to air-dry. For protection, rub the wood with a high-quality furniture wax immediately after cleaning. Apply additional applications of wax as needed to keep your furniture protected and looking beautiful.

### **Reclaimed Wood – Americana Collection**

Furniture craftsmen still "make things like they used to" using woodworking traditions that go back centuries. You'll see the results of their meticulous artistry in our sustainable furniture, which is built to the standard of any heirloom quality piece, using reclaimed wood as the source materials. The Americana Collection is comprised of bathroom vanities, bathroom storage, and mirrors. These soulful pieces are handcrafted by American artisans, using wood reclaimed from structures of the past. The finish of these reclaimed wood bathroom vanities and mirrors is a low VOC wash. Clean spills from the wood with a soft cloth and warm, soapy water. Dry the furniture with a second dry soft cloth or allow it to air-dry.