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# BELLA ANTIQUE COLLECTION BLUESTONE

## BLUESTONE

Bluestone, featured in our Bella Antique Collection, is a gray blue limestone material. It is a naturally occurring stone formed within the Earth, and features variations in color, veining distribution, pattern and density which adds to the beauty and charm of the material. No two pieces are exactly alike. Bluestone gets its color from the different minerals that fossilized into the rock during formation. Over time, a patina will begin to form with prolonged exposure to the sun. Treatment with a natural colorless wax will allow the polished shine to be retained. The use of natural oils will help to maintain and protect the stone surface from acid abrasion and stains. It is important to note that the application of such oil will slightly darken the surface color. It is strongly recommended to use a place mat or coaster on the stone surface to protect it from heat over 140° F from hot pots/pans/dishes/cups to avoid burn marks.

## Care & Maintenance:

### Scratch Removal

If slight scratches appear in frequently used areas, use a natural uncolored wax before polishing with a small hand/floor polisher. The mechanical action of the disk will re-polish the stone and light scratches will be softened and become part of the patina. Micro-scratches, which appear over time, will fade easily if cleaned with an natural oil-based mild soap and warm water. Rinse with a soft, clean cloth soaked in clean warm water.

### Stain Treatment

The polished finish is subject to blemishes if acidic liquids (e.g. vinegar, red wine, lemon, etc.) are left sitting on the surface for more than a short period of time. For help cleaning stains, use several drops of olive oil, or, more traditionally, linseed oil diluted in turpentine on a cloth to coat the surface of the stone. It is important to do this as soon as possible before the stain penetrates the micro particles in the surface. Oil and water repelling products can also be used. For grease stains, there are special detergents available.



**SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:** Bella Antique Collection products are made with natural stone, antiqued metal, concrete, and reclaimed wood. These products include unavoidable variation in color, texture, uneven grain, blemishes, scratches, marks, and cracks. These features are not defects, but rather the material's natural characteristics. By ordering products from this collection, you accept the characteristics unique to each item and agree that no claims will be approved regarding these natural variations. Special care should be taken to protect the natural finishes unique to this collection.



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## RECLAIMED WOOD



All reclaimed wood finishes in our Bella Antique Collection are natural materials that feature variations in color and texture. The existence of natural knots, cracks, scratches, and marks in the surface of the wood should be expected. These visual characteristics add to the natural beauty of the material, unique to each piece. The surface of the wood is treated with a light coat of stain-resistant colorless wax.

### Care & Maintenance:

Although the surface of the wood is treated with wax, it is still subject to stains if spills are left without immediately wiping. It is strongly recommended to use a place mat or coaster to protect the surface from heat over 140° F from hot pots/pans/dishes/cups to avoid burn marks. It is recommended to reapply the wax to the surface periodically with a neutral household paste wax that can be purchased at any major home improvement store. Dust the surface regularly with a clean, damp cloth. Avoid using harsh abrasives or chemicals.



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