

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Copper has been used for thousands of years and is easy to maintain since it does not show fingerprints as stainless steel and other metals would. For basic cleaning, simply use a mild soap and water as other cleaners typically are not necessary. Products such as Renaissance Wax or Flitz Wax may be applied to the copper surface periodically to give it lasting protection. These suggested seals will help maintain the luster of the copper and provide better water runoff. Leave the water running while working with acidic foods or pastes to avoid any reaction.

Copper is a living metal and the patina of our Antique and Natural finishes will all naturally continue to patina over time; meaning they may become a richer, darker color. However, if you would like to keep the copper sink looking like it did when first installed, we recommend waxing the sink every 2-3 months. Our copper sinks are not lacquered or sealed in the manufacturing process and will react to their environment as they develop character. If acidic items such as lemons, ketchup, or red wine sit on these finishes for an extended period of time the finish may be affected, but since copper is a living metal it will heal or re-patina itself over time; often in a matter of days. The beauty of copper is it is ever changing and no two pieces are ever alike giving you a one of a kind work of art!

**Warning:** Copper sinks can be harmed using some copper cleaners. Copper cleaners can scratch the surface and be abrasive on a copper sink. Also, do not use corrosives such as chlorine, concentrated vinegar or abrasive cleaners.

## FAQs

### Copper Vessel Sink

#### Will my copper product from Novatto turn color over time?

Novatto's finish is not waxed or sealed. Since copper is a living material it can tarnish or darken with time. Remember, copper will always react to how it is used and its surrounding environment.

#### Do your copper sinks have overflows?

No, none of our copper sinks have overflow holes.

#### Considering these are handmade what differences should I expect?

All our copper sinks are hand-made from natural copper so variations in color or size are common. Although each one is handmade they can be used for a double vanity or something similar in style.

#### What gauge of copper is used in my copper sink?

All of Novatto's copper vessels are a 14 gauge copper, some of the thickest on the market today.

#### What is Patina or a Living Finish?

The beauty of copper is its living finish or patina. It builds overtime and works as a protective coating. The patina is a rich weathered finish with light and dark tones complementing each other and creating the unique effect of copper. It is also what gives copper its natural anti-bacterial properties. Certain chemicals can strip the patina. These products will remove the finish leaving your sink shiny: Soft Scrub, Drano, Clorox Bleach, or Acids. However, because it is a living finish, it will heal itself. Over time, the copper sink will gradually return to the rich brown color and cover up spots or scratches.

