



# NATURAL STONE FARMHOUSE SINK

## BEFORE INSTALLING

Read the following installation below. Observe all local plumbing and building codes.

## INSTRUCTIONS

Unpack and inspect the sink for any shipping damages and ensure that none of the required pieces are missing. If you find any damages, do not install. Contact Customer Service at 1-866-855-2284. If you need assistance while installing your new farmhouse sink, call our Customer Service number.

Due to the manufacturing process, each sink will vary slightly dimensionally. Farmhouse sinks may require custom cabinetry. We recommend consulting an experienced cabinet maker for assistance. Providing the cabinet maker with the actual sink to be installed will ensure a custom fit.

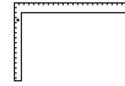
Please use assistance when lifting the sink in order to avoid personal injury.

We recommend consulting a professional if you are unfamiliar with installing kitchen fixtures and plumbing. Signature Hardware accepts no liability for any damages to the floor, walls, plumbing or personal injury during installation.

## TOOLS AND MATERIALS:



Safety Glasses



Framing Square



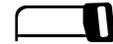
Pencil



Tape Measure



Level



Hacksaw



Thread Sealant



Wood Shims



Basin Wrench



Drill

**\*\*Sealant - We recommend the use of a stone, marble and granite silicone caulk or a general purpose silicone sealant.**

## MATERIAL DESCRIPTION AND CARE

### CRAFTSMANSHIP

Stone sinks are individual works of art, carved from a single block of stone. Each block of stone has its own characteristics including color variation, veining, minor pits, non-structural fracture lines and flecks of minerals such as copper, silver or gold. Your sink is a one-of-a-kind creation that you can cherish for years to come.

### INSTALLATION

Because most stone is porous, it is important to take special care of your sink to protect against harmful substances.

Upon receiving your sink, seal with a product such as StoneTech Heavy Duty Sealer. To retain your sink's natural shine, reseal your sink once or twice a year.

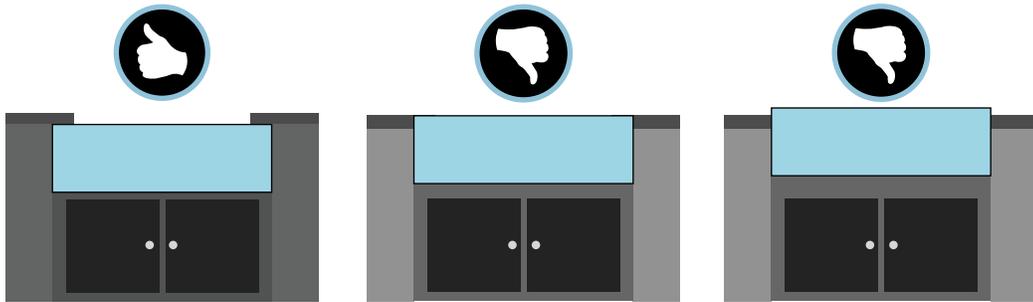
When installing your sink, carefully use silicone to seal the drain and use extra caution to keep the silicone away from the exposed sink area. Oil-based sealers or plumber's putty should never be used on your sink. These products will stain the stone if applied near the surface of the polished basin. If staining does occur, use a standard stone and tile stain remover. For more difficult stains, apply a poultice product from StoneTech directly to the stain.



## INSTALLATION OPTIONS

We recommend undermount sink installation. Flush-mount and built-up installation are not recommended.

Ensure there is adequate room for the faucet and backsplash installations.



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## CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

One of the distinctive characteristics of natural stone is voids, or gaps, in the surface of the stone. Because of these natural voids or gaps, over time it may be necessary to fill in any spaces with stone filler, such as Tenax Travertine Filler, in a color that is similar to the stone.

We recommend that you regularly clean your natural stone sink with a mild dish detergent or stone cleaner. After each use, wipe the basin dry with a soft cloth. Do not allow mineral deposits such as iron, salt, lime, or soap to build up on your sink. Refrain from using acidic household cleaners, wipes with harsh chemicals, or abrasives, as these will damage stone.

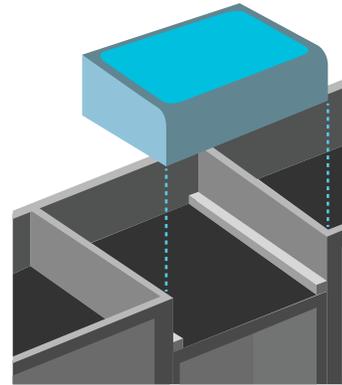


## PREPARE THE CABINET

Farmhouse sinks may require custom cabinetry. We recommend consulting an experienced cabinet maker for assistance. Providing the cabinet maker with the actual sink that is to be installed will ensure a custom fit.

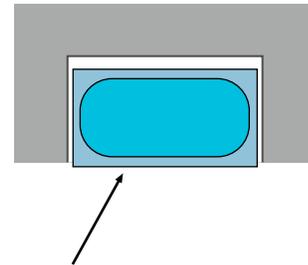
Allow clearance for the water supply lines, drains and a garbage disposal, if applicable. Build a support frame or install support bars from front to back along the inner sides of the cabinet. The frame must support the weight of the sink and all attachments.

The support frame should be positioned so that when installed, the sink is in line and level with the top of the cabinet.



## TEMPLATE AND CUTOUT

No template is provided since each sink will vary dimensionally. After centering the sink, trace the outline of the sink on the counter-top with a pencil to use as a guide for the cutout. Remember to allow clearance for any faucets and/or backsplashes. Cut the counter-top accordingly.



## FINAL PLACEMENT

Test fit the sink in the opening that was created in the previous steps. The entire weight of the sink should be supported by the support frame. Verify that the sink is in line and level with the top of the cabinet. Use shims, if needed, to level the sink.

Set the sink and apply your sealant to fill in any gaps below the sink front, and between the sink and counter-top. Hold the sink in place to secure. Place the counter-top onto the sink and remove any excess sealant from all surfaces.





## **DRAIN INSTALLATION**

Apply a bead of silicone sealant to the base of the strainer flange and place the flange in the drain opening in the sink.

If your drain has a disposer flange, use the directions supplied with the garbage disposer to attach the disposer and complete your installation. For drains with strainer baskets, slide the rubber gasket and friction washer up the strainer flange to the bottom of the sink.

Thread the lock nut onto the drain assembly. Hand-tighten and make sure that the drain is properly aligned. When ready, finish tightening with a basin wrench to secure the drain. Secure the P-trap to the strainer flange with the provided compression nut and ferrule.