

Hardwood Reflections

Use and Care Information:

Congratulations on purchasing a Kitchen Butcher Block Countertop, the best valued butcher block product on the market today! With the proper treatment it will look great for years to come.

The European Ash is a slow growth, closed grain hardwood harvested in areas of Northern and Eastern Europe. It is a durable hardwood with similar looks and physical qualities to oak. EU ash is known to produce good results with machine tools, sanding, and finishing. The ash is a product of nature and will display characteristics that are unique to each piece.

Care instructions:

- The butcher block MUST be sealed or finished on all surfaces within **TWO TO FOUR (2-4)** hours of removing shrink wrap.
- When sealing with mineral oil or conditioner, apply an even, liberal coat of conditioner on all surfaces and let absorb for approximately 20 minutes. Wipe off any excess with clean towel. Re-apply as necessary.
- If you are staining your block, make sure to stain before using any other finishing product.
- There are several other options for finishing your butcher block – please see a paint sales specialist for more information.
- If you notice any grain raise with oil or other sealants, you can lightly sand the top with fine grit sand paper.
- General use and cleaning of this top will require frequent application of conditioner or mineral oil to extend the life of the product. Frequency may range from every few weeks to every few months.
- If finished properly, this surface can be used for food prep; however, we recommend that a cutting board or mat be used to preserve the life and look of the block.
- Always clean your work top surface before and after each use.

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Congratulations on purchasing a European Walnut countertop know as one of the world's finest woods. With the proper treatment it will look great for years to come.

The European Walnut is a slow growth, closed grain hardwood harvested in areas of Eastern and Southeastern Europe. It is a durable hardwood with similar looks and physical qualities as English Walnut and French Walnut. EU Walnut is known to produce good results with machine tools, sanding, and finishing. The walnut is a product of nature and will display characteristics that are unique to each piece.

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The Birch in this product is a slow growth, closed grain hardwood found in areas of Northern Europe. It is a durable hardwood with similar looks and physical qualities to Hard Maple. Birch is known for its ease of sanding, finishing, and clean look with a consistent color. Wood is a product of nature and will display characteristics that are unique to each piece.

Care instructions:

- The butcher block **MUST** be sealed or finished on all surfaces within 48 hours of removing shrink wrap.
- When sealing with mineral oil or conditioner, apply an even, liberal coat of conditioner on all surfaces and let absorb for approximately 20 minutes. Wipe off any excess with clean towel. Re-apply as necessary.
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REMOVING A DENT FROM BUTCHER BLOCK IS EASY!

Whether you dropped a heavy object on your butcher block or a dent occurred during delivery or installation, following this 3-step process to remove a dent in your butcher block is easy.

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HOW DOES IT WORK? Steam penetrates the butcher block, causing the wood's fibers to expand. Removing a dent in butcher block may require repeating the steaming process a few times. Steaming may not remove the dent completely, every time, but it can significantly improve the appearance.

STEP 1



SAND THE DENT TO REMOVE ANY FINISH

- + For butcher blocks with a natural oil finish, sand lightly with 220 grit sand paper to remove oil from dented area
- + For butcher blocks with a varnish, use 150 grit sand paper making sure to expose the raw wood in and around the dent
- + Always sand in the direction of the wood grain
- + Remove dust with a damp cloth

STEP 2



STEAM THE DENT WITH A HOT IRON & WATER

- + Turn your iron on to the highest setting
- + Fill dent with water, let sit for 90-seconds
- + Place a dampened cotton towel, folded in half, over the dented area
- + Iron in circular motions until the cloth is dry, usually 1 minute, never letting the iron to come in contact with the wood
- + Remove the cloth & examine the dent, repeat 3-4 times for best results

STEP 3



FINISH BY LIGHTLY SANDING & APPLYING FINISH

- + All or most of the dent should be lifted after steaming
- + Lightly sand the area with 220 grit sand paper, sanding with the wood grain
- + Wipe clean with a damp cloth
- + Finish with the finish of choice by following the manufacturers instructions

WARNING: IRONS AND STEAM ARE EXTREMELY HOT AND CAN BURN. PLEASE USE CAUTION.