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What is a living finish? A **Living finish** is a non-lacquered, unprotected **finish** that “changes” over time. The **finish** changes are caused by oxidation from air and water. Can copper kill bacteria? Recent studies have shown that **copper** alloy surfaces **kill** E. coli O157:H7. Over 99.9% of E. coli **microbes** are **killed** after just 1–2 hours on **copper**. On stainless steel surfaces, the **microbes** **can** survive for weeks. ...**Copper's** antibacterial effect was found to be intrinsic in all the **copper** alloys tested.

Copper Sink Maintenance

“Daily Use”

Copper sinks are not difficult to maintain, but there are a few things you need to know. Copper reacts with acids, so run water when washing fruits such as lemons, limes, oranges, tomatoes etc. Mustard and vinegar can temporarily lighten the copper sink. Don't worry. Leave the spot alone and “do not cover with wax” With use, the natural oxidation combination of air and water will darken the copper sink back naturally in no time at all. Our copper sinks are not sealed which makes the patina a “living finish”.

“Hard Water”

If you live in an area where the mineral content is high, we suggest you wipe the sink down with a clean, soft cloth after every use. This will help avoid spots. All hand soaps should be free of any citrus, as this can cause spotting. We also recommend **Renaissance Wax**. This will protect your sink against mineral deposits and other types of build ups from occurring. You can apply a new coat of wax when you notice that the water is no longer “beading-up” on the surface of your copper sink.

“Cleaning your Copper Sink”

Copper is naturally antibacterial and will do most of the work in keeping itself clean. All you have to do to maintain the sink is give it an occasional cleaning with a soft soap such as Dawn liquid soap and a soft cloth. Gently wipe the interior and exterior with warm water and mild soap, rinse and dry with a soft, clean lint free cloth. **NEVER** use any sort of abrasive cleanser, copper cleaner, or scrubber on the sink because it may scratch or even remove the patina. **NOTE:** if you have housecleaning done by another, you need to inform them of how to care for your copper sink, so that harsh or abrasive chemicals are not used to clean your sink.

The logo for 'Simply Copper' features the word 'Simply' in a black, elegant script font. Below it, the word 'Copper' is written in a larger, golden-yellow script font. The 'C' in 'Copper' is particularly large and stylized, overlapping the 'S' in 'Simply'.