

# 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. To protect the copper's finish, products such as Renaissance Wax, Flitz Wax or clear Briwax (Briwax dark for darker patinas) is recommended. Most wax products have natural and added UV filters that help guard against color and finish degradation. Wax should be applied as often as necessary, depending upon usage. These suggested seals will help maintain the luster of the copper and provide better water runoff.

Copper is a living metal and the patina of our Antique finish will all naturally continue to patina over time; meaning it may become a richer, darker color. However, if you live in an area with hard water, or have a salt base water softener system and would like to keep the copper tub looking like it did when first installed, we recommend simply wiping up any water residuals left after usage and keeping it as dry as possible to prevent any water spots and protect the patina. We also recommend waxing the tub every 2-3 months. Our copper tubs are not lacquered or sealed in the manufacturing process and will react to their environment as they develop character. If acidic items sit on the finish 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:** Do not use corrosives such as chlorine, concentrated vinegar or abrasive cleaners. Do NOT use Epsom, bath salts, or oils in your copper tub, as they will tarnish and corrode the copper's appearance. It is recommended that you use a cleaner or polish that is designed specifically for copper products. You may use a gentle soap, such as dish washing liquid and warm water with a microfiber cloth or soft sponge. Rinse with warm water and dry with a clean, soft cloth. Just make sure you clean it properly and you will have an amazing tub for years!

## FAQs

### COPPER FREESTANDING BATHTUB

#### I live in a high humidity or in coastal area, will my copper tub 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.

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

All our copper tubs are handmade from natural copper so variations in color or size are common.

#### Do your copper tubs have overflows?

Yes, all of our copper tubs have overflow holes.

#### Can a freestanding bath go against a wall?

Yes, you can place your tub against the wall.

#### 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 tub shiny: Soft Scrub, Drano, Clorox Bleach, or acids. However, because it is a living finish, it will heal itself. Over time, the copper bathtub will gradually return to the rich brown color and cover up spots or scratches.

#### Do I need to hire a professional to install the copper tub?

It is not always necessary to hire a professional, but it can be beneficial, especially if you have limited plumbing knowledge or are dealing with something complex. Professionals can ensure proper installation, resolve any potential issues and provide valuable expertise. It is best to consider your own abilities and consult a professional if needed.