



# MATERIAL INFORMATION + CARE AND CLEANING MAINTENANCE OF MERWE BRONZE BASINS

## Bronze Material Information

Merwe Bronze basins are made from Silicon Bronze and will age and change over time. The patina of the bronze will change differently depending on your water properties. Bronze is a natural material and the look of your Merwe Bronze basin will change over a very long time.

To prolong the ageing process, Merwe treated the Bronze with a layer of Natural Beeswax Polish. If you want to keep your Merwe bronze basin with a gloss finish, follow the Care instructions on this page. Interior and exterior care can take place once yearly.

The silicon bronze that Merwe uses in the basins is lead free. Silicon bronze is an alloy that is generally composed of 96% copper. The remainder of the materials can be a variety of other alloys such as manganese, tin, or zinc.

## Day-to-Day Care

Your Merwe bronze basin needs maintenance to preserve their beauty and integrity. Clean the basin only with neutral detergents.

### Interior care (once yearly)

If the interior of your basin becomes dull, please do the following:

- o Rub the basin lightly with Hobby Steelwool (super fine).
- o Wipe the surface clean with a cloth.
- o Fill the basin up with hot tap water and let it drain after about two minutes
- o Apply n Kiwi wax to the interior and let the basin cool down.
- o Buff the surface back to a shine with a soft cloth.

### Exterior care (once yearly)

The exterior needs very little care: Apply a very light coating of Neutral Kiwi polish with a cloth and gently buffed the basin with a soft cloth. This will preserve the original patina's colours.

### What not to do

Never use harsh chemicals or abrasives on the basin. Avoid Citrus base cleaners like Orange Power.