

SURFACE INTELLIGENCE · FIELD NOTE 03

The streak-free mirror check.

A mirror can look finished head-on and show a whole second story in side light. This small routine separates dirt removal from the final dry finish.

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Two lint-free cloths; mirror-approved cleaner



CLEAN FROM ONE ANGLE. CHECK FROM ANOTHER. · EDITORIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Three deliberate steps.

01 Remove surface dust

Use a clean, dry cloth to lift loose particles. Work gently around edges and inspect for existing scratches.

02 Use less liquid

Apply a little approved cleaner to the cloth rather than soaking the mirror. Wipe from top to bottom with overlapping passes.

03 Change cloths for the finish

Use the second dry cloth for remaining moisture. Step to both sides and look across the surface before putting the products away.

The final check.

- ☐ Corners checked
- ☐ No moisture pooled at the frame
- ☐ Surface checked in side light

Know when to pause.

Avoid wetting the backing and edges. Dark marks beneath the glass are not surface dirt.

One cloth cleans. One cloth finishes.

Always follow the surface maker's care instructions and product label. Never mix cleaning products. This guide is for ordinary household care, not hazardous-material remediation. Product-specific instructions take priority.

Related references and service information: Surface care: Natural Stone Institute Shower care: KOHLER
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