

# *Copper Top Q&A*

OW Lee's beautiful copper tabletops are hand-crafted in a small village located high in the central Mountains of Mexico. The people of this region have worked with copper for centuries and although the techniques they use have improved over time, their basic methods have not changed.

Each top is hand-made by artisan coppersmiths using an open forge to heat and soften the metal. The top is then repeatedly hammered on an anvil until it reaches its desired shape and texture. Finally, the copper is attached to a special wood-based material developed for exterior use.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Is it real Copper?**

Yes

### **Will it Patina (or change green in color)?**

Your top may patina in areas of high humidity or in coastal areas.

### **Is there a way for a consumer to make it Patina if they prefer?**

No, each top has received a special treatment to maintain its natural color and beauty.

### **Do consumers need to re-seal it?**

No, the color will remain with proper maintenance

### **What is it mounted on?**

A wood based material developed for exterior use.

## **What is the recommended Care & Maintenance?**

Clean with a damp cloth.  
Only use mild soap and water when necessary.  
Do not clean with abrasives.  
Do not use lemon, as the acid will damage the finish and color.  
For extra protection apply a stainless steel polish.

## **How is it distressed?**

The tops are hammered, meaning they are hit by hand with hammers to form the surface.

## **If something is spilled on the top that causes a color change, is there a way to bring the color back to the original color?**

Clean the area as quickly as possible with a damp cloth. The area will begin to recover its color gradually over the next 2-3 months. It may not match in color exactly, but will be close enough to blend with the natural beauty and characteristics of the top.

## **Will the copper tops get hot?**

Yes, natural copper tops, as with all metals, will absorb heat and when exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time may get extremely hot. In regions with hotter climates, these copper tops would best be presented under covered areas or patios.

## **How thick is the Copper?**

18 Gauge

## **Should coasters be used?**

Yes, in order to protect the top from possible acidic stains coasters should be used.