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Here's some notes about the care of your top—

We use a product called Rubio Monocoat for the finish. Monocoat has a boiled linseed oil and other plant oil base with additional waxes and catalytic driers. It is designed to form molecular bond with the cellulose fibers in the wood. As penetrating oil, it saturates into the wood. Once the fibers are saturated, the wood doesn't accept much more. Monocoat does NOT build up layers like a Polyurethane finish might. Monocoat is both very durable as well as repairable. See-<http://www.monocoat.us/technical/resistance-testing.php>

No special care is really required. However, some reasonable responsibility should be taken--

- Wipe up spills, don't let liquids sit for days on the top
- Wipe up food spills with a damp cloth; try not to let these dry on.
- It's not cutting board; so please don't cut on the surface.
- Don't use gritty cleansers or harsh chemicals for cleaning.

Monocoat is NOT like mineral oil in that it requires a monthly regimented application. The manufacturer would suggest that it doesn't need to be recoated but every 4-5 years. I'd tend to say that you should just pay attention to the look. When the top gets kind of dull and you want to refresh it, apply a coat of Monocoat like furniture polish.

After you first install the top, it's nice to put on a "furniture polish coat" of finish.

Pour a little bit on the surface and rub thoroughly. The entire surface should look slightly glossy / wet; but not like a thick coat of paint sitting on the surface. Do this at night and it will be dry by the morning. This isn't something you want to do more than once every 6-12 months.

Monocoat is environmentally friendly and VOC (volatile organic compound -- aka smelly stuff) free. It's has a comfortable aroma and is not at all toxic to handle.

BE CAREFUL WITH THE RAGS; THEY WILL LIGHT THEMSELVES ON FIRE if left balled up. Either throw in a fireplace, put in a jar with water, or spread out safely for them to dry. Once dry, they are fine, but in the process of drying, they can self-ignite. I've seen it happen; it's for real.