

Ethnicraft

CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Ethnicraft's wood furniture is made to adapt well to minor humidity fluctuations in the environment, however some cracking or movement may occur which is a normal adaptation to the furniture's environment.

Regular Care of Wood Furniture

For regular dusting, use a dry cloth. For cleaning or in case of a spill, use a damp cloth and natural soap. Wipe in the direction of the grain. Do not use soap containing detergent or other chemicals. Dry with a soft, clean cloth prevent spotting always rubbing in the direction of the wood grain.

We recommend protecting surfaces with coasters, mousepads, or placemats as extreme and repetitive daily use or heat can damage the finish. Always move objects such as flowerpots, vases etc from time to time, and ensure any excess water or dampness is wiped dry immediately to prevent marking the surface.

Refreshing The Wood Surface

To refresh your furniture or to remove surface stains we recommend *Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner*. This product cleans & regenerates the elegant character of the wood and slightly reinforces the original protective coating. *Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner* is no guarantee against stains.

The original hard wax coating on the surface may need to be renewed over time. We recommend using *Osmo Hardwax Oil Natural*. In case of discolouration, stubborn stains or to remove a superficial scratch, we advise sanding the entire surface first. Make sure the surface is clean and dry before applying the hard wax oil. Spread the product evenly over the surface and remove any excess product to avoid spots after drying.

If you want to protect the wood from the beginning of use, you can apply a protective coating. We recommend *Occulto Oil* or *Starbrite Oil*. This will seal the pores of the timber and create a natural protection with a natural finish. Stains and marks should still be removed immediately. Note that applying an oil finish to natural teak will darken the wood slightly and bring out a richer, darker colour.

Oiled Oak - Your oak furniture is finished with a pigmented hard wax oil. This finish gives the furniture its desired natural colour and has the advantage that stains do not penetrate the wood as easily. However, this is no foolproof guarantee against stains. In case of a spill, remove it immediately.

Natural Teak - Our teak range comes without any finish or protective treatment. The wood is merely polished, allowing the natural oils to rise to the surface. The high density of teak wood has the advantage that stains do not penetrate the wood as easily. Even with these characteristics, spills should be removed immediately.

THE TRUTH ABOUT HUMIDITY AND WOOD FURNITURE IN YOUR HOME

When moisture is absorbed, wood expands. If moisture is lost, wood will contract losing all moisture and the wood may experience hairline splinters, or worse cracks. The lack of humidity in the atmosphere or in your home is the culprit of wood reacting in this way. However, not all wood species have the same level of reaction to humidity.

To prevent damage, we strongly suggest keeping the room's humidity level at the ideal of 40% to 60% year-round. The temperature should be around 21°C/70°F during the day, not below 14°C/57°F at night.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEATHER UPHOLSTERY

The upholstery of our leather chairs and sofas should not be washed or dry-cleaned. To keep the leather in optimal condition we recommend the following:

- To avoid discoloration do not place the leather piece in direct sunlight.
- Frequently wipe the leather sofa down with a clean, dry cloth.
- Treat spills immediately. Blot up as much of the spill as possible with a clean, dry, white cloth. Don't rub.
- In case of a stain, use a clean, slightly damp white cloth, blotting from the outer edge to the center of the stain.
- Do not use any chemical products not designed for leather. Use a towel to evenly dry the leather and prevent it from moisturizing too much. Do not use a hairdryer as it may dehydrate the leather.
- Apply leather conditioner when the leather feels dry.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPHOLSTERY

Upholstered items should not be washed. Taking off the cushion covers and washing these in a machine (even at low temperature) will lighten the colour and shrink the fabric. If pilling should occur, don't be alarmed. It's a result of excess short fibres coming out of the fabric. This is not a defect but a characteristic of many upholstered fabrics. To keep upholstery in optimal condition we recommend the following using an antipilling machine. Avoid placing the item in direct sunlight. For dusting or removing crumbs, take a clean cloth or soft brush and wipe down upholstery. Do not rub. We do not recommend vacuuming. If you do so, use the lowest suction and a soft upholstery attachment. Treat spills immediately. Blot up as much of the spill as possible with a clean, dry, white cloth. Do not rub. In case of a stain, use a clean, slightly damp white cloth, blotting from the outer edge to the centre of the stain. Do not use any chemical products on your upholstery. If in doubt, always refer to the care label specific to your item.

CARING FOR METAL FURNITURE

Dust regularly using a soft dry cloth. For a more thorough cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Rinse with clean water and wipe dry. Do not use steel wool, sandpaper, mineral acid, bleach, or chlorine cleaners on metal surfaces. Do not drag, but lift the furniture along the floor, as it might damage the protective coating, cause rusting or leave permanent marks on the floor.

TIPS AND TRICKS

- Besides the Teak Outdoor Collection, all other Ethnicraft products are intended for indoor use only.
- Recommended room humidity between 40 - 60%. Ideal room temperature: 21 °C day, not below 14°C night.
- To prevent discoloration, do not place your furniture in direct sunlight, move objects placed on the furniture from time to time and open your extendable dining table on a regular basis.
- Avoid exposure to extreme conditions: do not place furniture near heating sources or air-conditioned spaces.
- To prevent staining, we recommend that any spills be removed immediately.
- When cleaning the surface, always work in the direction of the wood grain.
- Use place mats to prevent hot pots and pans, or cold glasses and bottles from leaving marks.
- Do not drag the furniture along the floor, always lift the furniture when moving.
- Always ensure water and solutions used to clean the floor do not come in contact with the furniture's base, as it may leave permanent marks.

ETHNICRAFT WARRANTY

The ETHNICRAFT company warrants all products with a two-year protection in which we deem products to be produced free of manufactured defects. Natural characteristics such as wood grain structure, color tone variations and shading should not be considered defective but the normal expectation of fine solid wood. Care and maintenance is required in order to keep the furniture in good standing. Remove spills and never clean using ammonia-based solutions.

HOW TO APPLY OSMO POLYX-OIL #3031 (CLEAR MATTE HARDWAX OIL)

First, use a mildly damp cotton cloth (with water only) to wipe the surface of the table. Make sure to wipe in the direction of the grain and let air dry completely for (2 hours).

Step A: Light sanding. Use a 100-Grit Sandpaper or/ foam block (in direction of grain) – going over the table top once.

Step B: Then, use a 150-Grit Sandpaper foam block, working in the direction of the grain over the entire surface for a second light sanding.

Step C: If the surface still seems rough to touch, then do a third gentle sanding – switch over to the 180-Grit Sandpaper foam block for a last, light sanding. Continue to work evenly in the direction of the grain.

Step D: If you wish, use a soft brush to remove dust off the table before using a damp cloth (with water only) to wipe off any excess sawdust after sanding. Let dry for a minimum of 2 hours. Leaving any moisture on the surface will affect the final finish quality. After the sanding, the #3031 Hardwax Oil can be applied once or twice, which will give it much more added protection against spills etc.

Step E: The Hardwax Oil should first be put on rather generously with a sponge in circular motions, then wiped down quickly in the same circular motions - followed by straight wipes in the direction of the grain with a cotton t-shirt type cloth. NOTE* This needs to dry 24 hours, minimum, before applying a 2nd time (if that is desired). Additional instructions can be found on the can.

HOW TO APPLY STARBRITE TEAK OIL (OPTIONAL) FOR INDOOR & OUTDOOR TEAK FURNITURE

Starbrite Premium Teak Oil features a formula that combines virgin Tung Oil with special polymers that bond with teak and create an extra long-lasting finish. Extra long-lasting formula contains the finest UV inhibitors to resist weathering. Available at Canadian Tire for about \$25 / 473 ml bottle.

Basic instructions: Application takes 15 minutes. Apply the teak oil liberally to a lint-free cloth or cotton shirt or a nap roller, always working evenly in the direction of the grain of the wood. DO NOT POUR oil onto the table. Wait 5 minutes, remove any excess oil. Allow to dry 2-4 hours. Dries to the touch in about 2 hours, but it is best to wait 4 hours before recoating. Drying times are longer in high humidity or cool temperatures. Apply only when surface and air temperatures are between 50°-90°F during application. Number of Coats: 1 with possibly a 2nd coat depending on the porosity of the wood.



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