

# HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OUR FURNITURE

Every piece of furniture has its own maintenance requirements, depending on the lifestyle and needs of the user. Caring for solid wooden furniture requires some skill, so it is important to be well informed. Here, you will find our general maintenance guidelines for the different types of wood. On our website (www.ethnicraft.com) you can find a more detailed Maintenance Guide. Do keep in mind that these are only recommendations and that Ethnicraft cannot be held responsible for the results.

## OAK FURNITURE

### **OILED FURNITURE**

Most of the Ethnicraft oak furniture is finished with a pigmented hardwax oil. This finish gives the furniture its desired natural color and forms a natural protective coating that acts as a repellent against most common substances and liquids, but is no foolproof guarantee against stains.

#### DAILY CARE

 For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap.
Do not use soap containing detergent and in case of a spill, make sure you remove it immediately.

#### CLEANING & REFRESHING THE SURFACE

 To refresh your furniture or to remove absorbed stains (crayons or pencil marks, wine stains, fruit juice stains, etc.) we recommend Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner (3029).
This product cleans, regenerates and slightly reinforces the original protective coating. For the correct application, please see the Maintenance Guide on our website.

#### YEARLY CARE

 As time goes by, depending on the amount of wear the furniture gets, the original hardwax coating may need to be renewed. We recommend using Osmo Hardwax Oil Natural (3041). For the correct application, please see the Maintenance Guide on our website. Please note that it is important to remove excess product after application to avoid white spots after drying.

#### STUBBORN STAINS & REPAIRS

 In case of stubborn stains or to remove a superficial scratch you may need to sand the surface and apply a new layer of hardwax oil (3041). You can find detailed instructions in the Maintenance Guide on our website.

## **VARNISHED FURNITURE**

Part of the Ethnicraft oak furniture is varnished instead of oiled. You will find varnished items clearly indicated in this catalogue. Varnish offers a good protection against stains, while preserving the natural look of the oak furniture. Even with this preventative treatment, spills should be removed immediately. If the liquid or substance is left to penetrate the wood over a period of time, the furniture will eventually get stained.

#### DAILY CARE

 For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap.
Do not use solvent-based cleaning agents as these might damage the varnish.