



MADE GOODS

# UPHOLSTERY CARE GUIDE



## AT MADE GOODS...

Materials are our passion. We are driven by a love of unique and uncommon materials and transforming them into thoughtfully designed pieces handcrafted by artisans and craftsmen.

We are proud of the quality materials we use and encourage you to care for them properly. Like an antique or family heirloom, our furniture is handmade, and therefore subject to slight variations; and like any beloved piece that stands the test of time, following the advice here will help ensure a very long life for your piece.

If you have any further questions, one of our account managers or sales representatives will be happy to assist you. We want our furniture to last for you!

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Always clean up spills immediately using a blotting (not rubbing) technique. The quicker you clean spills and stains, the easier they can be removed. Start at the outer edge of the spill and work towards the center.
- If using soap or a cleaning agent, always test clean your fabric in an inconspicuous area first to gauge your fabric's response and colorfastness. Always spray cleaner onto a cloth (never directly onto furniture). Do not use strong chemicals and detergents.
- When dusting or spot-cleaning, always use a clean, white cloth—colored cloths can stain your fabric.
- For best results, we recommend using professional upholstery cleaning services.

## **ARAS** 100% Mohair wool

### **Characteristics of Aras mohair:**

You may notice characteristics that emphasize the natural character and authenticity of mohair velours, including small knots as a result of the spinning and weaving process, and/or single black and white hairs of the Angora goat that have not absorbed dye. Mohair fibers can get forced in different directions by heat, humidity, and pressure from use, which cause the appearance of a change in color. This is a typical property of velours and is not a defect nor a sign of low quality (see below for how to restore the fibers).

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Regular maintenance of your Aras Mohair velour piece will prevent well-worn areas from showing tangling, matting and color change over time. Vacuum or brush frequently with a soft, dry brush, or rub with a slightly damp leather cloth, always in the direction of the pile. In addition to having your piece cleaned by a professional upholstery cleaner every 4 to 5 years, we recommend intermittently giving your piece an overall shampoo: spray a dry shampoo (use one that fully crystallizes) onto a dampened, squeezed out sponge and rub it onto the fabric, or use the foam of a liquid shampoo. Finish by rubbing the entire surface with a dry white cloth in the direction of the pile. Wait until completely dry, then vacuum or brush.

After cleaning, if the pile appears to be forced in different directions, restore the fibers by applying a damp cloth (not wet), or spraying with distilled water, holding the spray bottle 7 to 8 inches from the fabric. Take care not to soak the fabric. Treat the entire surface to avoid shading. Leave overnight, and wait another 24 hours to dry before using. Repeat as needed.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth or tissue moistened with lukewarm water. If the stain persists, dampen the cloth with mild soap or diluted carpet or upholstery shampoo and rub gently. Carefully remove any residual shampoo with a damp cloth, rub a final time in the direction of the pile, and dry immediately using a hair dryer on low. Persistent stains may be treated with soluble Benzine on a white cloth.

### **Caution:**

After cleaning, always wait at least 24 hours, or until completely dry before using your furniture (a hairdryer on low can be used to speed up the drying process).

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## **JULLAN** 100% Sheepskin

### **Characteristics of Jullan sheepskin:**

As a natural lambskin from Sweden, your Jullan fabric will vary in color from light to medium gray.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Dust with a soft, white cloth or vacuum on low using a drapery nozzle.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately using cold water. Use wool shampoo or mild washing detergent (pH 3.5 – 5.5) as needed. Air dry. Professional cleaning recommended.

## **LIARD** 100% Cotton velvet

### **Characteristics of Liard velvet:**

This is a high density cotton velvet.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Brush in the direction of the pile with a toothbrush, nailbrush or similar soft, dry brush.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp white cloth and soap or a commercial dry cleaning product. Once dry, brush in the direction of the pile with a soft, dry brush. Repeat as needed.

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## **ARNO** 45% Linen, 40% Cotton, 15% Polyester

### **Characteristics of Arno linen blend:**

This European fabric blend has a metalized texture.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Dry cleaning and professional cleaning are recommended. Hand wash and low iron as needed.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth.

### **Caution:**

Do not use bleach. Do not tumble dry.

## **KERN, NILE** 75% Cotton, 25% Polyester

### **Characteristics of Kern and Nile cotton blends:**

These textured cotton blends from Europe are strong, durable fibers that will hold their color over time.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Dry cleaning and professional cleaning are recommended. Cold water and medium iron as needed.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth and cold water.

### **Caution:**

Do not use bleach. Do not tumble dry.



## **BASSAC** Full-grain leather

### **Characteristics of Bassac leather:**

This semi-aniline leather is texturized to resemble shagreen with dyed color variations. It is a porous natural material that will develop a rich patina over time.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Vacuum using a drapery nozzle; then wipe with a white cloth dampened with distilled water to remove any remaining dust.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a white, damp cloth.

### **Caution:**

Avoid placing your leather furniture in direct sunlight and near sources of excessive heat such as fireplaces and radiators. Do not use furniture polishes or waxes. Do not use household detergents or solvents.

## **COLORADO** Full-grain leather

### **Characteristics of Colorado leather:**

Colorado leather is natural half grain aniline leather that shows a subtle contrast of shades. Aniline leather is more susceptible to marking, soiling and spillage marks than other leathers. It is a natural product, and the uniqueness of each hide is identified on occasion by growth marks, scars, variations in grain and other natural characteristics. These add to the beauty of real leather and should not be regarded as a defect. Due to the natural properties of leather, color and texture variations may occur.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Dust with a soft cloth and vacuum frequently. Leather cleaners and conditioners will help maintain this leather if used from new.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth.

### **Caution:**

Avoid placing your leather furniture in direct sunlight and near sources of excessive heat such as fireplaces and radiators. Do not use furniture polishes or waxes. Do not use household detergents or solvents.

## **RHONE** Full-grain leather

### **Characteristics of Rhone leather:**

Rhone leather is deluxe half grain pigmented leather, with a lightly buffed surface to make it uniform, soft, and smooth, while retaining its natural character. It is a natural product, and the uniqueness of each hide is identified on occasion by growth marks, scars, variations in grain and other natural characteristics. These add to the beauty of real leather and should not be regarded as a defect. Due to the natural properties of leather, color and texture variations between batches may occur.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Dust with a soft cloth and vacuum frequently. Leather cleaners and conditioners will help maintain this leather. Prevent dirt

build-up over time by giving your piece an overall clean with mild soapy lukewarm water (soap flakes are recommended), taking care not to soak the leather.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth.

### **Caution:**

Avoid placing your leather furniture in direct sunlight and near sources of excessive heat such as fireplaces and radiators. Do not use furniture polishes or waxes. Do not use household detergents or solvents.

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## **SUNBRELLA FABRICS: ELBE, FINKE, LACHLAN** 100% Sunbrella acrylic

### **Characteristics of Sunbrella acrylics:**

Our Sunbrella materials resemble textured linen, herringbone, and tightly woven canvas. They resist mildew growth and come pre-treated with a water and stain repellent designed to last several years.

### **Regular Maintenance:**

Keep Sunbrella fabrics looking good by brushing dirt off before it becomes embedded in the fabric. For easy regular maintenance, spray on a diluted mild soap (Dawn or Woolite) solution and clean with a soft-bristled brush. Allow the solution to soak into the fabric, rinse thoroughly, and air dry. After a thorough cleaning, you may need to replenish your fabric's water and stain repellent with a product such as 303 Fabric Guard: starting with completely dry fabric, apply two thin, even coats, allowing the fabric to dry completely between applications.

If your piece has removable cushion casings, they can be removed and hand-washed or machine-washed in cold water on the gentle cycle with mild detergent; close all zippers before washing. For non-removable fabric cushions, clean with a solution of one quarter cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water, using a soft-bristled brush to gently work the solution into the fabric. Avoid scrubbing but allow the solution to soak in. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue. Air dry.

### **Stain Removal:**

Treat immediately with mild soap or commercial upholstery cleaner (Resolve), and cool water. It is always best to clean the entire surface area of the fabric from seam to seam to avoid water rings and stains. Spray on the solution or apply with a soft-bristled brush, rinse the fabric thoroughly to remove all soap residue, and allow cushion to dry. For liquid spills, first blot (don't rub) with a clean, dry cloth. For oil-based spills, first apply an absorbent substance such as corn starch, then remove with a straight edge. Treat severe mold or mildew growth with bleach, following all safety and environmental precautions: spray a solution of bleach, mild soap and water on the entire area and allow to soak in for 15 minutes. Clean with a sponge or soft brush, rinse thoroughly, and air dry.

### **Caution:**

Avoid scrubbing, hard-bristled brushes or any other abrasive cleaning method. Air dry only. If using an iron, use it on the synthetic setting, and never use a steamer. If using a professional cleaning service, enquire about their experience working with Sunbrella fabrics and their knowledge of cleaning and re-treatment requirements.

