

Care for Your Velvet Furniture

Velvet Furniture is beautiful, luxurious and long lasting. Most velvets are treated with a crush resistant and stain repellent finish. In order to get the most from your velvet furniture investment one must provide some attention to the care and maintenance of the velvet. Velvet, by virtue of being a three dimensional fabric has inherent properties that make it durable yet soft and comfortable. Velvet, like a fine carpet, can be cared for by occasional vacuuming which will insure that dirt does not stay in the fibers.

- Marking or bruising of the pile after sitting is normal. Most all marks will recover by themselves with time and natural humidity. Bruising that does not recover, although infrequent, can be restored by minimal steaming. Gentle brushing, in the direction of the pile will also help align the pile to regain its original state.

- Some slight bruises or marks may never fully disappear. This should be considered an enhancement to your furniture. The natural antiquing of the velvet is in fact desirable. Like fine leather upholstery, velvet too, looks better with age.

- Most stains can be blotted or wiped away with a damp cloth or paper towel. Dried stains can be removed with spot cleaning. Always test in an inconspicuous area first. Using soap and water or a commercial dry cleaning product, start from the outside of the stain, while working your way from the outside into the middle of the stain. Once dry, brush in the direction of the pile with a toothbrush, nailbrush or similar soft dry brush to restore the loft and direction of the pile. Repeat process if necessary.