

# 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).

## IVONDRO 100% Natural Raffia

## Characteristics of Ivondro natural raffia:

The Ivondro natural raffia is versatile and hardy. It is made from raffia plants found in parts of Africa and Madagascar, as well as in Central and South America.

## **Regular Maintenance:**

Using either a vacuum or aspirator, dust and air the raffia routinely.

#### Stain Removal:

To remove stains, use a combination of baking soda and white vinegar. Sprinkle baking soda on the stain, then add a few teaspoons of vinegar to form a paste. Work the paste into the stain. As the paste dries, it will clean the raffia by lifting out the stain. Brush off the residue once the paste has dried. Depending on the stain, this process may need to be repeated. In some cases, water will remove a stain that has not yet seeped into the fibers.

#### Caution:

Don't use harsh chemicals on the stains, or the fabric will be ruined. Natural fibers like raffia respond well to natural cleansers.

## MARANO 100% Wool-On Lambskin

## Characteristics of Marano sheepskin:

Marano is made from whole sheepskins with a long pile that feels cozy and looks luxurious. The inherent protective outer layer of the wool fibers is stain and fire-resistant, as well as static-resistant.

#### Regular Maintenance:

Regular brushing or shaking will assist in restoring and retaining the fluffy nature of the sheepskin. Marano should be professionally drycleaned.

#### Stain Removal:

Professional cleaning recommended.

#### Caution

It is not advisable to wash Marano hides, the plate (leather side) will shrink after getting wet making it hard to restore the original curl of the wool.

## BRENTA, ETTRICK, HUMBOLDT, MONDEGO 100% Cotton Jute

#### **Characteristics of Cotton Jute:**

This natural fabric has a playful gray or navy dalmatian print pattern on a light solid background.

## Regular Maintenance:

For cushions, hand wash in cold water with mild detergent. Air dry and iron at a low temperature. For upholstered items, wipe using a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.

### Stain Removal:

Spot-clean only. Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth. Blot to remove any excess water and air dry. For red wine spills, apply a solution of three parts non-chlorine bleach and one part liquid detergent, then soak for 20 minutes.

#### Caution:

Do not use bleach or other abrasive chemicals. Do not wring. Do not dry clean. While it is okay to clean with normal washing detergent solutions, do not use chlorine bleach. Only use non-chlorine bleach as needed.

## 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.

## SEVERN 100% Heavy Cotton

#### **Characteristics of Severn Heavy Cotton:**

This high-density fabric has a distinct and graphic texture with raised white cotton dots on navy cotton.

## **Regular Maintenance:**

For cushions, hand wash in cold water with mild detergent. Air dry and iron at a low temperature. For upholstered items, wipe using a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.

#### Stain Removal:

Treat immediately with a damp, white cloth. Blot to remove any excess water and air dry.

#### Caution:

Do not use bleach or other abrasive chemicals. Do not wring. Do not dry clean.

## 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.

## KLEIN 78% Rayon, 22% Cotton

#### Characteristics of Klein rayon blend:

Rayon/cotton blends are tightly woven with contrasting textures.

#### **Regular Maintenance:**

Fabrics in this category must be dry solvent cleaned only. Dry cleaning is considered to be the safest cleaning method. If the solvent needs to be heated, it must be done in a specially manufactured dry solvent-compatible machine.

#### Stain Removal:

A dry cleaning solvent may be toweled onto heavily soiled areas. Can also use a brush or hand bonnet to help remove the soiled area.

#### Caution:

Rayon is prone to creasing and stretching.

## 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

## **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.

## HAIR-ON-HIDE 100% Hair-On-Hide

## Characteristics of Hair-On-Hide leather:

Hair-On-Hide is durable and one of the most forgiving surfaces to clean and maintain. Because hides vary in color and texture, each piece is entirely unique. The natural variation shows the true characteristics of authentic leather.

## **Regular Maintenance:**

Wipe with a soft, damp cloth or vacuum using a brush attachment, moving in the direction of the hairs.

#### Stain Removal:

Blot (do not rub) spills immediately with a clean cloth until no more liquid can be absorbed. For dark stains, dilute mild soap (dish soap or shampoo) in warm water and blot with a sponge or cloth, rubbing gently to reach the base of the hairs, until the stain is removed. Avoid soaking the hide. Allow to dry naturally (do not use a heat source/blow dryer).

For thick or sticky substances, scrape off with the dull side of a dinner knife, moving in the same direction as the hair; then clean as detailed above.

#### Caution:

Keep leather items away from direct sunlight and heat as they can cause the leather to fade and lose its softness.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE FABRICS: Alsek, Clyde, Danube, Havel, Pagua, Volta, Weser

100% Solution Dyed Acrylic

## Characteristics of solution dyed acrylics:

Our solution dyed acrylic fabrics offer an exceptional combination of strength and functionality, perfect for indoor and outdoor use. The fabrics are designed to be strong, durable and resistant. The water-resistant finishing makes the fabric stain repellent, easy to clean and requiring minimal but constant maintenance.

## **Regular Maintenance:**

Brush dirt off before it becomes embedded in the fabric. Clean fabric with natural soap in lukewarm water. We recommend cleaning at a temperature of no more than 30°F.

#### Stain Removal:

To remove stains from drink/food spills, cosmetics, ink and tree sap, wipe clean with a diluted solution of one part dishwashing liquid to 20 parts water and then rinse carefully. Use 100% solvent acetone for chewing gum, oil and car grease. For stubborn stain removal, including mildew, bleach may be used in moderation. Chlorine bleach will not affect the coloration of the solution-dyed acrylic fiber. Chlorine bleach, strong chemicals or detergents will eventually affect the strength of any fiber or cloth. We recommend using a diluted solution of one part bleach to 20 parts water. Rinse carefully.

#### Caution:

Air dry only. Iron at a moderate temperature.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE BOUCLE FABRIC: LAMBRO

93% PP (Polypropylene), 7% Solution Dyed Acrylic

#### **Characteristics of Lambro:**

The fabric is hypoallergenic, antibacterial, and completely recyclable. It is extremely resistant to fungus and mold, as well as moth attacks.

#### **Regular Maintenance:**

Vacuum or lightly brush frequently to remove dust and prevent soiling. If needed, wash at low temperature with lukewarm water using a mild soap. Air or line dry the fabric.

## Stain Removal:

Most dirt and stains can be cleaned if they are promptly treated. For non-greasy marks, spot clean with warm water and a spoonful of any standard washing powder in a cup of warm water. Using a cloth or sponge dampened with this solution, blot the stain, working inwards from the outside of the stain. Do not rub. Once the stain is removed, sprinkle the affected area with clean water to remove potential traces of powder.

For oil or grease spots like butter, oil, or lipstick, remove with acetone. Once the stain has been removed, apply a solution of washing powder to the fabric and rinse off with clean water.



#### **Caution:**

Do not dry in electric or gas dryers and avoid ironing. Excessive heat will cause the fabric to shrink. Do not use stain removers. If using a chlorine-rich cleaner, do not leave the fabric to dry in direct sunlight.

## HIGH PERFORMANCE MARINE LEATHER: GARONNE

90% Vinyl, 10% Polyester

## Characteristics of marine leather:

Our vinyl/polyester blended fabric offers stain-resistant durability, perfect for indoor and outdoor use. The water-resistant finishing makes the fabric stain repellent, easy to clean and requiring minimal but constant maintenance.

## **Regular Maintenance:**

Brush dirt off before it becomes embedded in the fabric with a soft brush or a vacuum cleaner.

#### Stain Removal:

To remove stains, clean immediately. Test any solvents in an inconspicuous location before using on stain. Do not spray solvent directly on fabric. Spray on a clean white cloth. Start cleaning stain from the outside in to avoid a halo appearance. For drink/food spills, wipe clean with a dry cloth. Clean with a diluted solution of water and neutral soap, then rub with diluted denatured alcohol (10%).

#### Caution:

Do not iron or bleach. Air dry only.

