Porter Designs

General Care Tips

Many items can be maintained regularly by simply wiping with a soft dry cloth to remove dust.

To protect your furniture, avoid placing it in direct sunlight or too close to heat sources. Do not place hot items directly onto furniture as they can damage the finish. Use felt pads or other protective layers such as coasters when placing any items on finished surfaces.

If spills occur, wipe immediately with a soft damp cloth or spot treat. Make sure to wipe dry after cleaning to avoid water spots.

Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasives as they can damage surface areas.

Basic Upholstery Fabric Care Tips

For everyday cleaning of your fabric upholstered pieces, use the upholstery attachment on your vacuum cleaner to vacuum the surface of the furniture to remove any loose dirt. It's also a good idea to vacuum underneath the cushions as well.

If you can, flip your cushions regularly to distribute the wear and to reduce soiling.

Clean spills immediately by gently blotting with a clean, absorbent cloth. If a stain remains, then you'll have to do some deeper cleaning according to the fabric's code.

W Code W stands for 'Water based cleaner'. This code means that you can spot clean your fabric with a water-based shampoo or foam upholstery cleaner. You can use a brush to agitate the cleaner or even an upholstery attachment on a carpet cleaner. Be careful to avoid over-wetting the stain.

S Fabrics that are Code S must be cleaned with solvents (dry clean only). You can spot treat stains with a water-free solvent or dry-cleaning product. Use solvent cleaners in a well-ventilated room and keep away from open flames. Avoid using cleaning products containing carbon tetrachloride, as it is highly toxic.

W/S A W/S code, as you might expect, means that a combination of dry cleaning solvents and water-based cleaners may be used. These fabrics can be spot cleaned with upholstery shampoo, foam from a mild detergent, or a mild dry cleaning solvent. This is a case where a pre-test is especially important. For overall dirt, call a professional to clean these fabrics.

X If you have fabrics with Code X, they can only be cleaned by vacuuming or light brushing. A Code X means the fabric is not cleanable with water or solvent cleaners.

Once you've determined how to clean your fabric, it's always a good idea to pre-test the cleaner on a small, inconspicuous spot on the fabric. This way you can make sure the cleaner works and doesn't leave a spot or cause the colors to bleed. If you're in doubt about how to proceed, it's usually best to call a professional upholstery cleaner.

Leather Care Tips

Dust leather with a clean, dry cloth and vacuum it regularly using a soft brush attachment.