

STILLMADE

MATERIAL CARE &
MAINTENANCE GUIDE

OILED WOODS

To a greater extent than lacquering, oiling is our preferred method of finishing because it leaves wooden surfaces with a more natural look and feel. It provides a good amount of surface protection while bringing out the wood's inherent beauty.

It does, however, require a greater amount of care and maintenance than lacquered surfaces. We don't necessarily believe this is a bad thing. It creates more interaction with the furniture and fosters a greater sense of appreciation for the handmade quality of our products.

For daily care, dust with a soft dry cloth. Cleaning can be done using a soft cloth wrung in lukewarm water following the wood grain and dried immediately with a soft cloth following the wood grains. For more severe cleaning soap specifically developed for oiled wood can be used. Our preferred product is called Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner.

Oiled furniture, namely tabletops, will slightly dry out over time and we recommend applying a maintenance oil as needed. Our preferred product is called Osmo Maintenance Oil.

As a general rule, always use trivets for hot items and coasters and placemats for dishware. Avoid use of cleaning detergents and abrasive cleaning agents as they may damage the surface of the oiled wood.

Avoid placing wooden furniture in direct sunlight, excessive heat, or humidity.

GLASS

All glass Stillmade table tops are tempered for personal safety. For daily cleaning, dust with a dry rag. To avoid damage to any wood surfaces, always spray glass cleaner into a soft cloth or paper towel before applying to the glass surface.

LACQUERED WOODS

Lacquered wood offers a stronger surface compared to oiled wood that is easier to clean and requires no maintenance.

For daily care, it is recommended to dust the furniture with a soft cloth. Lacquered and stained wood can be cleaned with a soft cloth wrung in a mild solution of lukewarm water and an ammonia-free detergent. Always follow the wood grains and always dry with a soft dry cloth immediately after cleaning.

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MILK PAINT

Milk paint, renowned for its organic composition derived from milk protein and natural pigments, creates a beautiful finish, however requires a small amount of routine maintenance.

Start by dusting your painted furniture regularly using a soft cloth to prevent dust accumulation. When cleaning, avoid using harsh chemicals on the milk paint finish. Instead, use a gentle cleaner to retain the vibrant milk paint colors.

STONE

All travertine used in Stillmade tabletops are honed and treated with a sealer. However, it is strongly recommended always to use a trivet and/or coasters to not place glasses or cups with liquids directly onto the tabletop. Avoid the use of any polish, ammonia-based detergent, and abrasives as these may permanently damage the finish.

As a natural material, travertine is sensitive to liquids and if not removed immediately, spilled liquids will leave a permanent stain. For daily care and cleaning it is recommended to use either a warm damp rag, stone cleaner, or mild detergent. Always wipe dry after cleaning.

It is recommended to re-seal the table once a year.

LEATHER

All leather used in Stillmade furniture comes from vegetable tanned full-grain hides by specialty regional tanneries and finished in-house with a natural mix of oils and wax. Each hide has its own unique set of natural characteristics (stretch marks, scarring, etc.).

For daily cleaning, use a barely damp rag and wipe into the leather followed by a dry rag to pick up any excess water.

WAXED BRASS

Waxed metal is intended to patina beautifully over time. It should be cleaned by dusting with a dry/soft cloth. Please refrain from using any liquid or chemical cleaning solutions as they will affect the finish. Polished brass surfaces can be re-polished using a polishing cream.

LACQUERED BRASS

Lacquered metal will not patina or change over time. Lacquered surfaces are durable but should be treated with care as it is possible to chip, crack, or scratch the protective coating. Lacquered metal can be cleaned with mild soap and water. Refrain from using any harsh chemical cleaners, abrasives, or polishing compounds as this could permanently damage the finish.

GOLD LEAF

Gilded Stillmade products use genuine gold leaf applied to a wood composite substrate and finished with a varnish designed specifically for gilding. Still, gilded products should be handled with extreme care. For general cleaning, use a dry rag to dust the surface. Refrain from using any cleaning products other than water as they can permanently damage the finish.

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Stillmade manufactures and sells contemporary furniture. We are committed to the tradition of individual craftsmanship and its role in realizing new American design.