

ENGLAND

LETTER OF CARE

We are delighted you have chosen furniture designed and handmade by Stuart Scott. Please take the time to read the following information which will help ensure that your furniture is maintained to the highest standards.

UPHOLSTERY

All fabrics have different performance characteristics. Therefore we suggest you contact your fabric supplier to ensure you have the appropriate care instructions.

Careful and regular maintenance is the key to prolonging the life and retaining the appearance of soft furnishings. The following notes are offered as a brief guide on the care and cleaning of fabrics.

When furniture has loose seat and back cushions, plump them up daily. Turn them and rotate the position of cushions every month. This will prevent uneven or excessive wear. Tight upholstery should be cleaned on site by a professional cleaning specialist. Spot cleaning with proprietary products should not be carried out other than professionally. Where seat or back cushions have removable covers do not be tempted to wash or clean them separately as colour changes will eventually become evident.

Although most furnishing fabrics have good resistance to fading, we do advise that furniture should be protected from exposure to strong sunlight.

Velvet upholstery generally can be prone to marking caused by pressure in transit or in use. Most marks can be removed by gently steaming and brushing the velvet with a soft brush.

FABRIC

The regular use of a vacuum cleaner with an appropriate attachment can significantly extend the life of furnishings. Upholstery should be vacuum cleaned once a week at an appropriate suction level. Do not vacuum feather cushions as this may damage the down proof fabric containing the feathers.

The professional application of a proprietary stain resist agent can aid in preventing premature soiling, particularly on upholstery.

Always follow the recommendations given by your fabric supplier. Never wait until an article is visibly dirty before washing or cleaning.

VELVET

For periodic cleaning of whole made up items, we advise that velvet is dry cleanable, and would suggest professional on-site cleaning by a reputable contractor, which usually involves either foam and/or steam based process, and is appropriate whether or not the fabric has been FR back-coated.

For regular maintenance, plumping up of cushions and careful vacuuming using the appropriate attachment will keep the fabric looking smart. Occasional brushing, if necessary with steam, will help too.

It is worth remembering that cotton pile velvet will inevitably change in appearance as the pile flattens out when compressed, especially on areas of greater use such as seating cushions and the tops of the arms. This is to be expected and is not a defect in the fabric.



LEATHER

We use Aniline and Semi Aniline full grain leather for our Constructor, Saddle Up and Florence chairs. Aniline is the purest form of leather and considered the very best quality. Natural markings may include scars, stretch marks and bites. These are natural and not considered flaws. In general please take care to avoid prolonged contact with direct sunlight and moisture. Leather is a naturally resilient material and requires very little care. It will develop a patina with age. Please note that when new a small amount of dye residue from the hide may transfer. This is normal and will only last a short time. Day to day cleaning with a cool damp non-abrasive cloth is the most effective way to keep the furniture clean.

We advise against using any harsh cleaners including mink oils, saddle soap or any leather polishes as these will stop the leather from breathing and eventually dry it out. Again, we are very happy to discuss the specific maintenance programme for your leather design.

WOOD

Clean once a week with a soft, lightly dampened lint free cloth to keep the furniture clean and remove household dust. Do not use household polish or any spirit-based cleaners, as this may damage the finish. As wood is a natural material there may be an element of movement, for example in hot dry spells the timber can move very slightly. In certain instances we may suggest using a small amount of wax or furniture oil periodically to prevent your furniture from drying out.

With our natural oiled finishes please take care to wipe away spillages, especially hot liquids. Whilst this finish is water repellent, it is also microporous to allow the wood to breath. Take care to avoid water marks and rings by following this advice.

METAL

Our metals i.e. brass, copper and stainless steel are treated with a micro-crystalline Renaissance wax to protect them. In some instances the finish will gently patina. Brass may tarnish if over handled. When handling we recommend wearing soft cotton gloves.

It is recommended to speak to us to discuss specific maintenance but as a general rule never use abrasive cloths or spirit based cleaners.

We create long-lasting, authentic furniture using materials and finishes with their own distinctive character. We are always very happy to discuss the best way to care for your specific Stuart Scott design, so please remember to stay in touch.

Regards

STUART SCOTT

#stuartscottfurniture