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## *Clean & Care*

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### *Textiles, And Peacock Feathers*

Care for textiles by vacuuming or lightly brushing. Maintain textiles by keeping them away from direct sunlight. Rotate and flip cushions when vacuuming for even wear. The nap of high pile textiles such as velvets may become crushed or lose its original pile height. We recommend light steaming to lift the pile to its original height. The textile should also be brushed with a de-linting brush to maintain its pile. Water based or solvent cleaner may cause discoloration or staining. We recommend that stained or soiled textiles be professionally cleaned.

### *Leathers*

Leather is a soft porous material that is sometimes uncoated and can easily absorb liquids and oily substances. Avoid saturating the leather with lotion or water for a long period of time. Care for leather by dusting and lightly vacuuming. Maintain leathers by keeping them away from direct sunlight and heating vents. Leathers are a natural, "living" material that breathe and move as they wear. We recommend that stained or soiled leathers be professionally cleaned.

### *Metals*

Never use cleaners with alcohols or solvents on metals. Only used fine cotton or extra soft cloths. We recommend that tarnished metals be professionally cleaned.

### *Polished Metal*

Clean polished metal or polished stainless with a damp cloth. Do not use commercial or heavy duty polishes or waxes, as they may scratch or damage the finish. Polishes we do recommend are Brasso, Simichrome, or our favorite Flitz; these can be used without inflicting damage even for the unskilled user, unless the polished surface has a wax sealer coat. These polishes will remove the wax while polishing the metal, but the surface would then have to be re-waxed if it is on a metal that needs to be sealed.

### *Woods, Lacquer And Mother-of-pearl Finishes*

Wood, lacquered, and linen pieces have been stained and/or polished to bring depth and beauty to each finish. Although most are protected with either a clear coat or wax, they are still susceptible to wear. Care for your wood and lacquer pieces by dusting regularly with a soft cloth.

Maintain wood, lacquer and mother of pearl by not placing near heaters and air conditioning units to prevent over-drying or exposure to excessive moisture. Avoid extreme humidity changes in your home, as extremely dry air can cause wood to crack and lacquer to lift. Do not place/leave hot or moist objects directly on the wood. Rubber or plastic left on the wood finish can also damage the finish. Clean by using a dry or slightly damp soft cloth. Follow by polishing with a dry soft cloth. Do not use commercial, heavy-duty polishes or waxes, as they can yellow light finishes. We recommend that stained or soiled wood, lacquer or mother of pearl pieces be professionally cleaned or refinished.

### *Glass, Crystal, And Mirror*

Glass and crystal can be cleaned by wiping with a soft damp cloth or glass cleaner with no additives. Apply glass cleaner to a soft cloth rather than directly on to the fixture to avoid overspray that may damage other finishes.

### *Leather*

Keep it clean. Dust and vacuum often. For daily or weekly dusting, use a soft, lint-free cloth, slightly dampened with distilled water. Wipe area gently and do not rub. Avoid direct exposure to sunlight. Although leather is resistant to fading, direct prolonged exposure to the sun will cause any material to fade. Keep them away from heat. Leather furniture must be at least 12" away from radiators and other heat sources.

### *Feathers*

One of the most important aspects in preserving your feathers is frequent monitoring of their condition. Artifacts left out on display often accumulate visible amounts of dust. If feathers are new and in very good condition, they can be gently dusted with a soft, natural bristle brush. The feather should be supported from the back and the dust then gently brushed away, following the direction of the feather vane.

### *All Materials*

For any product that is heavily damaged or excessively worn, seek professional assistance.