

# WHO WE ARE

WE OFTEN ASK OURSELVES 'WHAT IS OUR STYLE?' WE HAVE DISCOVERED, IT IS ANYTHING COZY, A LITTLE WORN, COMFORTABLE AND SOMETHING THAT GIVES US A WARM FEELING OF A TIME LONG AGO. MY HUSBAND BILL AND I STARTED DESIGNING AND BUILDING HOME DÉCOR AS A HOBBY AND JUST SPENDING TIME TOGETHER. WE HAVE FUN SHOPPING AND FINDING UNIQUE DÉCOR PIECES AT FAIRS, CONSIGNMENT STORES, ANTIQUES STORES AND EVEN SOME BIG BOX STORES TOGETHER. WE BOTH HOLD FULL TIME JOBS SO WE ARE STARTING SLOW. TESTING THE DEMAND TO SEE IF OTHERS LIKE WHAT WE LIKE WILL DETERMINE IF WE CONTINUE TO GROW AND GET INTO A MORE DETAILED 'BUSINESS' STRUCTURE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU. ALL OF THE HANDMADE ITEMS ARE COMPLETELY CUSTOMIZABLE. WE WOULD LOVE TO BUILD SOMETHING SPECIAL JUST FOR YOU. REACH OUT, LET'S DISCUSS IT. OUR GOAL IN THIS JOURNEY IS TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN, MEET SOME WONDERFUL PEOPLE AND JUST ENJOY WORKING TOGETHER. OH, AND OUR STYLE- IS MODERN FARMHOUSE - TO EMBRACE TRADITION AND SURROUND OURSELVES WITH THINGS THAT MAKE US FEEL GOOD.

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SOLID WOOD FURNITURE  
USE AND CARE GUIDE



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WOOD FURNITURE  
FOR YOUR HOME

# HOW TO CARE FOR SOLID WOOD FURNITURE

## FINISH:

OUR PRODUCTS ARE FINISHED WITH WATER-BASED POLYURETHANE. THIS PREMIUM GRADE FINISH IS APPLIED TO BE TOUGH AND RESISTANT TO SCRATCHES AND SPILLS; ALTHOUGH IT DOES TAKE A FULL MONTH AFTER APPLIED TO COMPLETELY CURE. PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN PLACING WARM/HOT DISHES ON THE TABLES. THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF THINGS PLACED ON FINISH SHOULD NOT EVER EXCEED 140 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.



## DURABILITY:

A WELL-MADE PIECE OF FURNITURE CAN LAST FOR GENERATIONS. WOOD IS STRONGER THAN MOST BUILDING MATERIALS, AND WITH THE PROPER MAINTENANCE IT CAN CONTINUE TO LOOK LIKE NEW AS IT'S PASSED ON FROM ONE HOUSEHOLD TO ANOTHER.

## THE ENVIRONMENT

YOUR FURNITURE RESPONDS TO CHANGES IN TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY BY EXPANDING AND CONTRACTING SLIGHTLY. YOU MUST KEEP THE INDOOR HUMIDITY IN THE 30 TO 45 PERCENT RANGE AND THE TEMPERATURE IN THE 60-TO-80-DEGREE RANGE. AVOID PLACING FURNITURE IN AN AREA WHERE THE SUN WILL SHINE DIRECTLY ON IT. KEEP FURNITURE AWAY FROM DIRECT SOURCES OF HEATING AND COOLING.

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## EVERYDAY MAINTENANCE

LIKE OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, FURNITURE CAN LOOK WORN AFTER YEARS OF EVERYDAY USE. ALSO, BECAUSE WOOD IS A NATURAL ELEMENT, IT IS MORE VULNERABLE TO OTHER NATURAL ELEMENTS THAN PIECES MADE FROM CHEMICALS. OVER THE YEARS, YOUR CLASSIC FURNITURE CAN START TO LOOK LIKE AN OLD HAND-ME-DOWN. LUCKILY, THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO – AND AVOID – TO LENGTHEN THE LIFE OF YOUR FURNITURE.





# WHAT TO DO: EVERYDAY MAINTENANCE FOR YOUR SOLID WOOD FURNITURE

## KEEP USED SURFACES COVERED:

WHENEVER YOU DO SOMETHING ON WOOD FURNITURE, YOU COMPROMISE THE QUALITY. COVER UP THOSE USED AREAS TO PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT. PLACE TABLECLOTHS AND PLACEMATS ON DINING TABLES, FOR INSTANCE. AND PLACE FELT PADS UNDER LAMPS ON YOUR END TABLES. ALSO KEEP COASTERS NEARBY-IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR WATER RINGS TO FORM ON YOUR TABLE SURFACE.

## MONITOR THE CLIMATE:

WOOD SWELLS IN HIGH HUMIDITY AND SHRINKS IN LOW. ALL THIS UP-AND-DOWN EVENTUALLY WARPS THE WOOD AND MAY EVEN CAUSE YOUR FURNITURE TO BREAK. YOU COULD INVEST IN A HUMIDIFIER AND/OR DE-HUMIDIFIER IF YOU LIVE IN AN AREA WITH EXTREME CHANGES IN CLIMATE.

## PREVENT INFESTATION:

BUGS ARE NEVER WELCOME IN OUR HOMES BUT THEY WILL CERTAINLY EAT YOU OUT OF HOUSE AND HOME, INCLUDING WOOD FURNITURE. IT IS MUCH HARDER TO RESOLVE AN INFESTATION THAN TO PREVENT ONE, SO KEEP WOOD BEETLES AND TERMITES AT BAY BEFORE THEY DESTROY YOUR REAL HARDWOOD FURNITURE.

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REGULAR MAINTENANCE CAN SLOW THE DETERIORATION OF HARDWOOD FURNITURE – OR EVEN PREVENT IT ALTOGETHER.

## CLEAN AND POLISH REGULARLY:

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLEAN AND POLISH YOUR WOOD FURNITURE EVERY DAY, AS LONG AS YOU MAKE IT PART OF YOUR REGULAR CLEANING ROUTINE. YOU'LL WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME CLEANING PIECES THAT GET THE MOST USE BUT FOR REGULAR USE, SEMI-DAILY DUSTING AND POLISH EVERY SIX MONTHS.

# WHAT NOT TO DO: PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT BY KEEPING IT AWAY FROM:

## SUNLIGHT:

IF YOU THINK THAT WOODEN CHAIR WOULD LOOK GREAT ON THE DECK, THINK AGAIN. SUNLIGHT BLEACHES WOOD AND DEGRADES THE FURNITURE FINISHES, SO IT IS BEST TO KEEP IT AWAY FROM WOOD FURNITURE ALTOGETHER.

## PLASTICS:

PLASTIC CUPS AND PLACEMATS MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GREAT VALUE BUT OVER TIME THEIR COLORS CAN LEACH INTO THE WOOD GRAIN AND WILL DAMAGE YOUR FURNITURE'S LOOK AND SHAPE. KEEP PLASTIC ITEMS AWAY FROM YOUR FURNITURE AND SWAP THEM OUT FOR CLOTH ALTERNATIVES.

## CHEMICALS:

KEEP SOLVENTS AND NAIL POLISH REMOVER AWAY FROM YOUR FURNITURE, IF THEY SPILL THEY WILL STRIP THE FINISH. ALSO CHOOSE CLEANING PRODUCTS CAREFULLY. STAY AWAY FROM BLEACH, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER PRODUCTS THAT WILL STRIP OR STAIN THE WOOD. DISH SOAP AND A DAMP CLOTH ARE THE BEST TOOLS TO PRESERVE THE FINISH.



## HEAT:

FIREPLACES, RADIATORS, AND HEATERS KEEP A SPACE WARM BUT TAKE A TOLL ON WOOD FURNITURE. PLACE WOOD ITEMS AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE FROM THESE HEAT SOURCES.

# CARE AND CLEANING TIPS

TAKING ALL THESE PRECAUTIONS WILL NOT KEEP SOLID WOOD FURNITURE FROM GETTING DIRTY. YOUR PIECES REQUIRE REGULAR CLEANING – WITHIN REASON. USING CLEANERS WITH HARSH CHEMICALS OR BEING TOO AGGRESSIVE IN YOUR ROUTINE CAN DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD, WHETHER IT SCRATCHES THE SURFACES OR TAKES THE SHINE OFF THE FINISH. PROPER CARE REQUIRES THE RIGHT TECHNIQUE AND THE RIGHT PRODUCT WHEN PERFORMING ANY OF THESE TASKS.

## NICKS AND SCRATCHES:

IT IS NOT HARD TO SCRATCH WOOD FURNITURE – EVEN CLEANING WITH ROUGH MATERIALS COULD LEAVE A MARK. IF THE SCRATCH IS SMALL AND SHALLOW ENOUGH, ALL YOU NEED IS A LITTLE COLOR. DEPENDING ON THE DEPTH AND FINISH, YOU CAN MASK THE SCRATCH WITH A MARKER, CRAYON, SHOE POLISH OR EVEN COFFEE GROUNDS. WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE, TWO RULES APPLY. FIRST, CHOOSE A COLOR THAT MATCHES THE FINISH. SECOND, APPLY THE SOLUTION IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SCRATCH.

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## DUSTING

REGULAR DUSTING IS THE BEST WAY TO KEEP YOUR FURNITURE LOOKING SHINY AND PREVENT DUST FROM SETTLING ON THE WOOD. SOFT CLOTHS AND FEATHER DUSTERS WORK BEST, BUT THEY ONLY MOVE THE DUST AWAY FROM THE FURNITURE, NOT OUT OF THE AIR. A LAMBS-WOOL DUSTER WITH LANOLIN OR A SLIGHTLY DAMP TERRY CLOTH WILL CAPTURE DUST AND KEEP YOUR FURNITURE DUST-FREE FOR A FEW MORE DAYS.

## SPILLS AND WHITE RINGS:

KEEP COASTERS AND TRIVETS NEARBY. SWEAT FROM A COLD GLASS OR HEAT FROM A HOT BEVERAGE CAN PENETRATE THE FINISH AND LEAVE A WHITE RING ON YOUR TABLETOP. TRY BLOWING A HAIR DRYER ON THE AFFECTED AREA. IF THAT DOES NOT WORK, RUB CAR WAX, PETROLEUM JELLY OR TOOTHPASTE ON THE AREA, AND THEN WIPE AWAY WITH A DAMP CLOTH. WHATEVER REMEDY YOU USE, USE IT RIGHT AWAY. MOISTURE CAN TRAVEL FAR BELOW THE SURFACE, AND THE LONGER IT PENETRATES THE HARDER IT IS TO REMOVE.

## INVEST IN SOLID WOOD FURNITURE FOR YOUR HOME:

SOLID WOOD FURNITURE IS A GREAT WAY TO INVEST IN YOUR HOME. LIKE ANY INVESTMENT, THOUGH, IT NEEDS PROPER CARE AND ATTENTION. FOLLOW THE STEPS ABOVE AND YOUR HARDWOOD FURNITURE WILL BE A LONG-LASTING SYMBOL OF SOPHISTICATED AND TIMELESS BEAUTY.

## CLEANING:

THE FINISH IS DURABLE AND RESISTANT TO MOST HOUSEHOLD SPILLS. HOWEVER, SPILLS SHOULD BE WIPED UP PROMPTLY TO AVOID POTENTIAL PROBLEMS. FOR MOST ROUTINE CLEANING, A SOFT CLOTH DAMPENED WITH WARM, SOAPY WATER WILL DO THE TRICK. THE USE OF WELL-FORMULATED CLEANING PRODUCTS, WITHOUT ABRASIVES, CAN BE EFFECTIVE FOR THOSE TOUGHER CLEANING TASKS. IF USING THESE PRODUCTS, A FOLLOW-UP WITH THE WARM, SOAPY WATER AND SOFT CLOTH WILL HELP EXTENSIVELY. REMEMBER THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO FREQUENTLY REFOLD THE CLOTH TO A CLEAN SIDE AS IT BECOMES DIRTY. A SOILED, DAMP CLOTH CAN REDEPOSIT SOIL ON THE FINISH.

AVOID PRODUCTS THAT ARE AMMONIA-BASED OR CONTAIN SILICONE. USE POLISHES SPARINGLY IF AT ALL. YOUR FINISH DOES NOT BENEFIT FROM THEM; AND THEY TEND TO BUILD UP A FILM ON THE FINISH THAT WILL ATTRACT DUST AND SOIL. A GOOD ANNUAL CLEANING WILL ALSO HELP PROTECT THE FINISH. REMEMBER THAT WARM SOAPY WATER AND WIPING IT DRY IS THE BEST CLEANING METHOD SINCE YOUR FINISH HAS A VERY HARD SURFACE. USING ANY EASY-CARE CLEANING PRODUCT CAN CREATE A BUILDUP AND WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THIS.

