



Maintenance Guidelines

Wood Stains

The stains that are used on Tilde's furniture pieces are non-toxic low-VOC and water based. They are sealed with a water-based polyurethane clear coat to help minimize maintenance and ease cleaning. However, the use of coasters and hot pads is still highly recommended to prevent damage to the finish. Any spills should be wiped immediately to protect your furniture.

The best way to clean your furniture is to regularly wipe with a soft cloth. Non-abrasive soaps can be used, and proper damp cloth clean water wiping will eliminate the soap film.

Recycled Paper

Depending on the desired look and color, we work with two paper top manufacturers. The manufacturers use 100% post-consumer recycled paper or cardboard. In general, paper tops should be treated like high-quality wood tops. The use of coasters and hot pads is highly recommended. General cleaning consists of wiping down the surface with hot soapy water or a mild kitchen cleaner. *Never use chemicals to clean or refinish paper products. Do not use bleach or bleach-based products. Regular use of PaperStone Cleaner and Rejuvenator will maintain the original luster and protection. This product can be purchased online or through eco-product suppliers that provide paper countertops.

Scratches and Refinishing

To remove stains and light scratches, use a maroon or grey Scotch Brite pad with light buffing. If harsh scratches or burn marks accrue, the manufacturer recommends the use of a maroon Scotch Brite or 220 grit or above sand paper on a random orbital sander to remove. Excessive sanding in the same area may result in light spots. Refinishing of the whole area may be needed to keep a consistent look across the entire surface.

We have treated your top surface with a manufacturer created finish. For ongoing maintenance, the use of the PaperStone Cleaner and Rejuvenator can be applied as often as desired. Read the application instructions prior to use.

Bronze

The bronze elements have received a wax finish at the foundry. This is a minimal impact finish that requires little maintenance. Nonetheless, the wax will be removed by heavy scrubbing. The best way to clean your bronze elements is to wipe with a soft cloth. Non-abrasive soaps can be applied, and proper rinsing with a clean damp cloth will eliminate the soap film.

If the finish is removed, your bronze items will begin to patina. This can be arrested by either applying additional wax, or having a local finisher apply a non-toxic low-VOC clear sealant.

While the sealant is a low-maintenance solution, it may change the sheen and finish of the metal that is being treated. Be sure to request non-toxic low VOC sealants and inform the finisher that the original finish is wax.

The wax used on your furniture is paste wax. Please either follow manufacturer recommended application instructions or hire a professional finisher.

Painted Finishes

All Tilde Furniture painted finishes are protected with a water-based polyurethane clear coat to help minimize maintenance and ease cleaning. However, the use of coasters and hot pads is still highly recommended to prevent damage to the finish. Any spills should be wiped immediately to protect your furniture.

Cleaning painted furniture should first be attempted by dusting or using a damp soft cloth. If this does not work, use non-abrasive soap and water.

Oil Wax Finishes

Tilde Furniture wood pieces are available in a plant-based oil wax finish. This is a very low impact natural finish that offers water repellent and water mark resistant qualities. However, it is not as durable as our water-based polyurethane clear coat. That said, it has a very desirable look, feel, and scent.

Occasional reapplication of the wax finish is recommended to maintain a consistent look and better protection. It is recommended that you contact us prior to purchasing the finish materials to confirm the product that we've used. We will need the approximate date and location of purchase.

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Metal Leaf Finishes

Our gold and aluminum metal leaf finishes have been sealed with a water-based polyurethane clear coat to help minimize maintenance and ease cleaning.

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Glass

Never use Windex, or similar ammonia-based products on glass, as they are known to damage the surface. We recommend wiping with a dry or slightly moist soft cloth, such as cotton. Vinegar and water may be also be used. For other cleaning products, please read their instructions for proper use.

Decorative Wheat Straw

Durum, the product that we use, is 70% post agricultural wheat scraps, and 30% non-toxic acrylic resin. Wheat straw has a fairly fragile edge, and should be treated accordingly. Our finish coat is the same that we use for our wood finishes, and will perform in a similar fashion. Excessive moisture should be immediately wiped.

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