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## TLC GUIDE

(JUST IN CASE!)



### GENERAL CARE

It's always best to leave upholstery cleaning to the professionals, but here are a few nifty tips and tricks to help keep your sofa in top condition.

Each of our fabrics have their own fibre constructions and call for different specialist cleaning techniques. We always recommend that you leave major cleaning to a recognised upholstery cleaner who can give you expert advice and carefully carry out a deep clean.

Regular hoovering with an upholstery nozzle (the fuzzy one that comes with your Hoover) will help stop dust building up. You can try a soft, clean brush too, making sure to give the arms and any pleats a little extra love. This will fend off fabric wear and help keep the colour in good nick.

Bums on seats please! Avoid perching on the edge of the cushions or the arms as this may cause the fillings or fabric to lose their shape. The same goes for little'uns, so shoes off and try not to jump on the sofa. Be careful of sharp things that may catch on your sofa. Snags, if you do find one then don't pull but carefully snip the loose thread with a pair of scissors.



### CUSHIONS

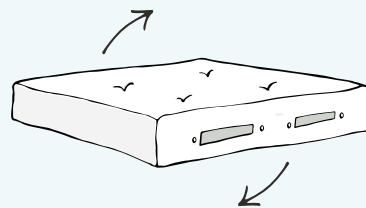
If you've gone for one of our lovely feather filled sofas, your back, seat and scatter cushions will need a good plump to keep them in shape. Regular flipping, turning and rotating will help these settle evenly too. Try not to neglect your plumping duties as the feathers can migrate, leaving your cushions misshaped and lumpy.

### SPOT CLEANING

Mop up any spillages as quickly as possible by using a dry, absorbent kitchen towel or clean cloth. Place this over the spillage and press gently to absorb as much of the spill as you can. No rubbing or scrubbing please! Adding more liquid to the stain can result in watermarks or discolour the dye in the fabrics, so avoid this too.

Before you use any cleaner, always pre-test it on a less obvious part of the furniture such as the back or under a cushion. We can post out a fabric swatch for you to test on too! If in doubt, seek professional advice.

### SOFA BEDS



The mattresses on our sofa beds are double-sided so flip and turn them regularly for even wear to both sides. Whip off bed linen from the mattress before closing away the sofa bed to help avoid damage to the mechanism.

### FADING

It's always best to keep your furniture away from direct sunlight. Avoid leaving your upholstery too close to open fires or radiators!

## LEATHER

Leather is a natural product and often has the nicks and knocks of its past life. No two hides are the same so grain structure may vary a little. These extremely hardy leathers look even better and get softer with time.

Dust weekly with a clean, soft cloth and clean quarterly by wiping over with a lukewarm, mild solution of a pure soaping agent such as Lux Flakes. Opt for a slightly damp cloth and always make sure that you don't over-soak the cloth.

## VELVET

Velvets are prone to mark a little under pressure. Most pressure marks are easily removed by gently steaming and brushing the velvet with a soft brush. It's surprisingly soothing work!

## SOFA LEGS



All woods have a unique grain pattern and shades may vary a little. It's part of their natural charm! Wooden feet don't need much TLC but keep free from dust by wiping with a clean cloth every now and then. Steer clear of spray polishes or solvent cleaners as these may damage the wood or spill onto the fabric.

## COVER CLEANING

Don't be tempted to clean different parts of your sofa separately as washing may lead to slight colour changes. It's best to do them all at once. If in doubt, seek the advice of a professional.

The way you clean your sofa can vary depending on the option of fabric covers you chose. We've broken this down to make things simple.



### Fixed cover:

(This includes your seat, scatter & back cushions)  
Get a professional upholstery cleaner in, they can clean your sofa in situ. Google knows plenty, we've checked.

### Removable covers:

You can pop these to your dry cleaner. It's always best to make sure they know what they're doing first. Our Textured Cotton is naturally dyed so this one will need to go to a professional upholstery cleaner.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions or want any extra advice about aftercare give us a buzz on 0203 141 8300.