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Care of Furnishings Guide: Skopos

Why is Aftercare so important?

Like most things, if your furnishing fabric is to look good and last for years it needs proper care. Following the advice in this guide will help your product to retain its appearance for much longer and its life cycle will be extended.

The Nature of Soiling / Incorrect Care

Neglect or inappropriate fabric care is the most common cause of premature breakdown of any furnishing fabric or product. Dirt, dust and grit can settle on the surface of upholstery. If not removed the dirt and grit will eventually penetrate the structure of the fabric and with further agitation (as the user sits on the fabric) the dirt and grit will act as a sandpaper breaking the fibres until eventually a hole can form in the upholstery. Any spills if not removed quickly, can form a sticky syrup with dust and grit that are attracted to the spill. Eventually this will form an unsightly hardened and dirty looking surface where the spill occurred. Fibres will become brittle and the fabric structure will become weakened. There are many other examples. It is important also to use the correct cleaning instructions for the fabric type and fibre composition. We are all aware of the dangers of shrinking a fabric by washing at the wrong temperature however, part of this guide also lists recommendations for what to do and what not to do for the best care of your furnishings. For example, it is recommended NOT to use Optical Brightening Agents (OBAs) during washing of coloured items. This is because OBA is designed specifically for white goods. It can mask the shade and significantly alter the colour of dyed or printed fabrics. The use of pure soaps in washing or even the build up of a dust layer due to infrequent washing can interfere with the Flame Retardant properties of the fabrics by forming a flammable layer over the fabric surface. So please take the time to read this care guide and understand how you can best care for your furnishing.

Which care Label applies to your Furnishing fabric?

The guide below and Table 1 split fabrics into groups based on the type of fabric and/or the fabric composition. The Skopos Price guide also provides an item by item listing of which set of care symbols applies to your fabric. If you are unsure which set of care symbols applies to your fabric then please contact the Skopos Customer Service desk for assistance. Please take time to make certain as it is important that the correct care regimes are used.

Note: For made up products please refer to the care label attached to the product, see section: Made up Product.

Are there any Specific wash care instructions for sensitive fabrics?

In addition to the above washing instructions please read the following information, specific for sensitive fabrics, that may detail additional care instructions for your fabric:

Blush Velvet:

Blush Velvet has a pile that is made from Viscose that gives the fabric its luxurious appearance and also the 'shine'. The effect of this is that the pile will move and catch the light in different directions. This feature, like other crushed pile and other effect velvets will therefore show any pile disturbances. This is part of the special nature and design of the fabric. It is not to be mistaken as a fault. When the fabric is first purchased these pile disturbances can appear as though the fabric is marked. With continued use this effect will develop to give a more 'all over' and 'antique' effect. If desired these marks can be reduced with steaming.

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Is there any general advice or notes of caution I should consider to give my fabric / product the best chance of looking great for longer?

- DO use a detergent powder in the washing process.
- **Do not** use optical brightening agents (FBAs or OBAs). These do cause colour changes on coloured items.
- **Do not** use pure soaps or Hypochlorite bleach. These products can interfere with the flame retardant properties of the fabric/product.
- DO wash or dry clean your fabric/product on a regular basis, at least annually. This will prevent excessive soil build up that can affect the visual appearance and prevent grease, dirt and other soiling material build up that can act as a flammable film on the surface.
- DO avoid use or exposure to strong oxidising agents.
- **Do not** overload machines. This increases the frictions and causes an abrasive effect between fabrics. This can result in premature wear and colour loss. Skopos recommend a maximum machine load of 65%.
- **Do not** mix synthetic fibre wash loads with cotton or other natural fibre wash loads. This will lead to premature wear and/or colour loss for the same reasons as overloading machines.
- **Do not** use an abrasive pad, abrasive cloth or abrasive cleaning agent when sponge cleaning fabrics or treating stains as these items can cause significant damage to the fabric surface. Avoid any strong rubbing action in general when caring for fabrics.
- DO always test any cleaning agent by applying it to a small inconspicuous area of the fabric/product to ensure that it has no detrimental effect on the fabric or the colour.
- DO vacuum (low suction) fixed upholstery covers regularly to remove accumulated dirt and to prevent abrasive damage and colour fading.

Stain Removal

- For best results always act quickly to remove stains.
- Dab the chosen cleaning agent onto the stained area, working in toward the centre of the stain, and if possible working from the back of the fabric.
- Place a clean cloth or absorbent tissue behind the stain to soak up the residue.
- Never use an abrasive pad, abrasive cloth or abrasive cleaning agent
- Avoid a strong rubbing action and always test the cleaning or stain removal agent in a small, inconspicuous area of the product before general use.

For more detailed information about stain removal, a separate stain removal guide is available upon request. Please contact Skopos Customer Service information desk to request a copy.

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Are there any instructions specific to my 'Made up' Product?

Important: For made up product, please refer to the care label attached to the product as this is specific to the particular combination of materials that make up your product. Also, please consider the below, if you have purchased any of the following items from Skopos:

Curtains

Before laundering always remove all curtain hooks and un-draw the heading tapes. Washing inside out will assist to reduce wear, maintain the original colour and ultimately increase the serviceable life of the product.

Products that contain Stiffened Fabrics such as Roller Blinds and Tie Backs.

These products cannot be washed or dry-cleaned because this will damage the stiffeners used. For best results vacuum clean or clean using a dry-foam shampoo cleaner.

Quilted Bedspreads

These items are very heavy and very bulky when wet so it may be necessary to have a lower machine loading. Due to their bulk and size a domestic machine will not be suitable. It is important to avoid line drying because the wadding/filling inner can fall to one end of the bedspread as a result of the strain applied by the weight of the water inside. A cool tumble dry is the best method for drying such large bedding items.

Articles with Decorative Trimming and Tassels

Please do not machine or hand-wash these types of product. These items are not colourfast and so the colour will bleed if machine or hand washed. These items should be dry-cleaned only.

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Care Instructions

Number	Care Label	Care Description
1		40°C wash with mild action. No bleach. Can be tumble-dried at low temperature. Warm iron. Can be dry- cleaned.
2		Dry clean only. Cool iron.
3		40°C wash with mild action. No bleach. Can be tumble-dried at low temperature. Cool iron. Can be dry-cleaned.
4		Dry clean only. Do not iron.
5		30°C wash with mild action. No bleach. Can be tumble-dried at low temperature. Cool iron. Can be dry-cleaned.
6		Sponge Clean only. Do not iron.

Guide to Care Symbols

Symbol	Description	Symbol	Description
	30°C wash, mild process		Do not iron
	40°C wash, mild process		Do not tumble dry
	Do not wash		Dry clean, perchlorethylene and other solvents with symbol F
	Cool iron, max 110°C		Do not Dry Clean
	Warm iron, max 150°C		

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Care Instructions for Skopos Fabrics by Collection/Design

Table 1

Collection	Design	Care regime No.
Akita	All	1
Aurora	All	5
Camomile Lawn	All except Penelope	1
Camomile Lawn	Penelope	5
Chantilly	All	5
Chateaux	All except Pinot	5
Chateaux	Pinot	6
Dice	All	6
Diva	All	5
Flamingo	All	1
Harris	All	6
Kimono	All	5
Opera	All	5
Poetica	All	1
Solo	All	6
Soprano	All	5
Strata	All	6
Strawberry Hill	All except Byron, Paris	1
Strawberry Hill	Byron	5
Strawberry Hill	Paris	6
Teatro	All	6
Time	All	2
Venus	All except Paris	4
Venus	Paris	6
Verse	All	1
Zodiac	All	6
Accents		
Africa	All	4
Alto	All	5
Blush	All	4
Cool Linen	All	2
Mandarin	All	5
Nero	All	5
Impact	All	6
Quito	All	6
Senso	All	6
Vital	All	6
Whisper	All	3
Linings		
Sateen	All	1
Protech	All	3
Eclipse Blackout	All	3
Africa Blackout	All	4
Nero Dimout	All	5
Shower Curtains		
Shower Curtains	All	3

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