

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR ARTEK FURNITURE AND TEXTILES

We have prepared for you some care instructions for the furniture and textiles made by Artek. When you follow these instructions, the quality furniture you have chosen will, also in the future, stay in good repair.

WOODEN SURFACES

Lacquered and stained wooden surface

Artek's furniture is lacquered to accomplish a good and lasting surface.

On a lacquered surface the small signs of wear can hardly be detected. Before or in connection with applying the lacquer the wooden surface can also be stained. Stain enhances the beauty of the wood fibres, or a more suitable colour tone or different shades of darkening can be achieved.

Care and protection

Apply damp or moist towelling with a cleaning towel moistened in a neutral detergent (for example washing-up liquid). After moist towelling it is advisable to dry the surface.

Limit the action time of the chemical as much as possible.

Do not rub, as the surface will easily become shiny.

Before placing any appliances on the surfaces, the anti-skid rubber studs should be replaced with felt studs or similar non staining material.

Removal of dirt spots

Use first an undiluted neutral detergent on all stains.

Colour spots and spots that are insoluble in water can be removed with white spirit or with methylated spirit. Please be careful, because the treatment may damage some surfaces. It is recommended to test the suitability of the agent on a spot that is not visible. Finally wipe off with a damp towel and dry.

Avoid

Abrasive cleaning equipment and agents.

An uneven mechanical stress on the surface, which often results in an uneven shine.

Strong alkaline or acid cleaning agents.

Strong solvents, such as acetone and thinner.

The use of waxes, because the removal of them, when necessary, may cause difficulties.

Hot objects or hot water.

The excess use of water and a prolonged effect of liquid.

Miscolouring liquids, especially coffee.

Deep scratches, through which grease may penetrate the wood.

LAMINATED MATERIAL

High-pressure laminated board is used in Artek's furniture, which makes it very wear-resistant.

Care and protection

All cleaning agents that do not contain scouring powder, which are normally used in households, can be used for cleaning the laminated board. It is advisable to dry the surface after moist towelling.

Removal of dirt spots

Use first an undiluted neutral detergent on all dirt spots.

Colour spots and spots that are insoluble in water can be removed with white spirit or with methylated spirit. Finally wipe off with a damp towel.

Avoid

Abrasive cleaning equipment.

Scouring agents.

Sharp objects.

Hot objects.

Miscolouring objects.

Strong alkaline and acidic cleaning agents.

LINOLEUM

Linoleum is a genuine, natural product. The raw material is mainly linseed oil, wood powder and/or ground cork, and limestone powder.

Care and protection

Apply damp or moist towelling with a cleaning towel moistened in a neutral detergent.

It is advisable to dry the surface after moist towelling. A micro towel is very suitable for everyday cleaning.

Ingrained surfaces are cleaned with an undiluted neutral cleaning liquid.

Rinse and dry.

Removal of dirt spots

The spots should be removed as soon as possible.

Use first an undiluted neutral detergent on all stains.

Colour spots and spots that are insoluble in water can be removed with white spirit or with methylated spirit. Finally wipe off with a damp towel. Always dry the surface carefully.

Avoid

Abrasive cleaning equipment and agents.

Strong alkaline or acid cleaning agents

Strong solvents as acetone and thinner.

Hot objects or hot water.

The excess use of water and a prolonged effect of liquid.

Miscolouring liquids, especially coffee.
Deep scratches, as grease may penetrate the linoleum.

TEXTILES

Textiles from many manufacturers are variedly used in Artek's furniture. The textile materials used in the furniture consist very often of mixed fabrics. In order to improve the care and usage properties or the strength of the material, fibres are combined. Both natural and synthetic fibres are used in mixed fabrics. If the care instruction allows wet cleaning, the textiles may be washed according to the instructions. It is advisable to test the water tolerance of the fabric on an invisible spot.

For more delicate textiles there are foam or powder cleaning agents, which clean more gently.

Care and protection of upholstery textiles

Always follow the care instructions given for the covering.

Removable coverings: vacuum clean lightly using the textile nozzle. Dry cleaning or wet cleaning according to the care instructions of the textile.

Fixed coverings: vacuum clean lightly using the textile nozzle. Foam wash (when the furniture is only slightly dirty).

Textile furniture can also be laundry cleaned.

Avoid

Actions in contradiction to the care instructions of the upholstering materials.

Bleaching cleaning agents on coloured fabrics.

Excessive rubbing. For example, excessive rubbing when vacuum cleaning will wear the fabric.

Brushing fabrics that nap.

Sharp objects.

Excessive use of water and moisture.

Beating because the binders of the fabric may get damaged.

UV light from flower lamps and direct sunshine.

Product information and care instructions for Artek's standard textiles

GABRIEL 2194

100% wool

Colour options 5

Colour fastness: washing 4-5, light 6-7

Width 150 cm

Weight 440 g/m²

Abrasion resistance >50,000 Martindale

Care 

Flame resistant¹

1. Meets the requirements according to BS-EN 1021/1-2

ZEBRA

56% wool, 39% cotton, 5% polyester

Colour options 1

Colour fastness: washing -, light 5-6

Repeat: height 50 cm, width 70 cm

Width 140 cm

Weight 857 g/m²

Abrasion resistance 23,000 Martindale

Care 

Shrinkage 2-3%

BORDEAUX

86% wool, 14% cotton

Colour options 5

Colour fastness: washing 4-5, light 5-6

Width 140 cm

Weight 635 g/m²

Abrasion resistance 40,000 Martindale

Care     

Shrinkage 2%

Flame resistant¹

1. Meets the requirements according to SS-EN 1021/1-2

VELVET LILY

100% cotton

Colour fastness: light 4

Repeat: 68 cm horizontal/82.5 cm vertical

Width 140 cm

Weight 550 g/m²

Abrasion resistance 50,000 Martindale

Care     

WEBBING

The webbing is made of 100% linen.

Fire protected.

Care

Lightly vacuum clean using the textile nozzle.

Foam wash with neutral detergent.

BAST

91% paper, 9% acrylic

Colour options 4

Colour fastness, light: black, natural 5, navy 4, grey 2-3

Width 137 cm

Flame resistant

Abrasion resistance 30,000 Martindale

Care

Clean by using a soft dry brush or soft clean duster.
DO NOT RUB OR BRUSH HARD.

For liquid stains

Soak up immediately with soft dry cloth or absorbant paper towel. DO NOT RUB. If necessary a cloth dampened with water only and squeezed out may be used. DO NOT OVER WET. DO NOT RUB. DO NOT USE PROPRIETARY CLEANERS.

For solid stains

Remove excess solids then clean immediately with a soft cloth dampened with water only and squeezed out. DO NO RUB. DO NOT OVER WET. DO NOT USE PROPRIETARY CLEANERS.

LEATHER

Various leather qualities can be used for the upholstering of furniture. Furniture leather has often a protective surface finishing, but it may also be untreated, or only dyed. The most common, though, is a treatment with coating colour and a protective surface finish. This gives the leather a more effective resistance against dirt, water and grease.

Standard leathers used by artek

Quilted furniture:

BRIDGE OF WEIR CALEDONIAN, aniline leather
NATURAL, vegetably tanned, undyed cover leather

Upholstered furniture:

ELMO SOFT, semi aniline leather
ELMO VEGETA, vegetably tanned, undyed leather

Care and protection

Use only cleaning and care products for leather upholstery, or a mild liquid soap.

Various cleaning agents may cause damage that are difficult to repair.

Vacuum clean regularly.

Remove dust from leather furniture with a damp cleaning towel or sponge.

Removal of dirt spots

Press with a towel or sponge moistened in a mild soapy water, do not rub.

Finally clean with a towel moistened in clean water and dry with a clean towel.

Avoid

Petrol and cleaning agents.

Alkaline or acid cleaning agents.

Abrasive agents.

Dry ambience air, hot air, as in the vicinity of radiators, or sunshine.

Bleeding clothing on light leather; the clothes may colour the leather. Grease from hair and skin from becoming ingrained.

Wetting the leather, and rubbing wet leather.

Artek takes no responsibility for material which has been incorrectly handled.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Artek, suppliers of the materials and the Furniture group of The Association of Finnish Furniture and Joinery Industries.