

How To Care For Your Painted Furniture

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Over time your painted furniture will naturally take on its own unique patina due to age, wear, cleaning and exposure to the elements. All of this adds to the character and charm of the piece, which is what we and no doubt you love about this style of furniture.

To keep your furniture looking beautiful and to ensure durability Toscano Interiors pieces are painted with fine quality furniture paints specifically designed for the job. Some paints don't require sealing and in some cases they do, either with protective coats of wax or varnish. All of these finishes will stand up very well to everyday reasonable wear and tear.

All finishes (including wax and varnish) offer some water resistance, but the painted furniture will not be waterproof. With this in mind, you should use coasters under glasses and placemats on dining tables and clean any spills as soon as you possibly can.

Waxes and varnishes will dissolve in alcohol, so in particular avoid any alcohol spills and avoid using cleaning products that contain alcohol. Please bear in mind that certain liquids, especially those with strong staining capabilities, will stain and the mark(s) may be permanent.

We advise that you keep your piece of furniture away from extreme temperatures or humidity (so don't stand your piece in front of or very close to a hot radiator for example).

To clean your piece of furniture use a slightly damp soft cloth with a little mild soap. Do not use any liquid furniture polishes as they may contain dimethicone (a silicone which can cause cracks to appear in the paint).

If your furniture has been waxed, to keep it at its best we recommend applying a coat of soft, clear wax every 12 months or so. For advice on which waxes to use for your particular piece, just get in touch. Apply a thin layer of wax with a dry, soft cloth; leave it to absorb for several hours (or even overnight if you can wait that long!) and then polish/buff with a separate clean cloth.