

Care & Cleaning of Thibaut Indoor High Performance Velvets

Velvets are specially constructed fabrics with a pile. These directional fabrics with a nap reflect and absorb light in varying degrees, depending on the combination of fiber, weave structure, and finishing technique used.

The pile of most velvets will have some tendency to crush, mark and mottle with use and should be considered inherent to the beauty of the fabric. This patina may continue to evolve with use and time. In addition, because of the special construction and finishing of velvets, slight variation in color from dye lot to dye lot can be expected.

CLEANING CODE = W S

Fabrics are cleanable with water-based detergents and solvents. Use of bleach is not recommended.

GENERAL CARE

We recommend routine, on-going care to enhance the longevity of your upholstered furniture.

- Flip, rotate and fluff removable cushions regularly to ensure even wear.
- Vacuum with an upholstery attachment to reduce soil fabric build-up on a fabric's surface, since dust and dirt cause to wear more quickly.
- Promptly treat spots and stains as they appear. Do not rub or brush excessively.
- Annual professional cleaning is recommended.

WATER-BASED STAINS

Use this stain removal method for water-based stains such as coffee, red wine, and ketchup. Be careful to brush lightly since fibers can be broken or matted in the cleaning process.

1. Blot up liquids on the surface with a clean, soft towel and brush off any loose debris.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1/4 tsp. of mild, enzyme detergent such as Tide® detergent or Dawn® dishwashing liquid per 1 cup of lukewarm water.
3. Apply the cleaning solution using a misting spray bottle. Allow the solution to soak into the fabric so that detergent can begin to break down the stain.
NOTE: Do not oversaturate with the soap and water solution as all soap will need to be fully removed.
4. Lightly scrub the affected area with a sponge or soft bristle brush. Work from the outside of the stain inward so as not to spread the stain. Rinse sponge or brush frequently.
5. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all soap as residue will attract dirt.
6. Blot excess moisture with a clean, soft towel or sponge.
7. Allow fabric to air dry to evaluate if further care is required.
8. Repeat steps 3-6 as necessary.

OIL-BASED STAINS

To treat oil-based stains such as salad dressing or mustard, immediately apply an absorbent, such as cornstarch, directly on the stain. Let sit for 10 minutes to help lift the stain. Remove the excess using a straight edge or ruler to prevent the stain from being pressed into the fabric. Vacuum with an upholstery attachment to remove any excess absorbent. Then proceed with the cleaning process for water-based stains.

PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

When possible, it is best to clean the entire surface of an upholstered piece from seam to seam. This method will help to avoid water rings or localized changes to the surface texture resulting from spot cleaning. We recommend the use of a professional cleaning service as they have specialized equipment and expertise. A global list of certified experts may be found at The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification. (iicrc.org)

WRINKLE REMOVAL

Use light steam to remove wrinkles.