

EGG COLLECTIVE

MATERIAL CARE GUIDE

It is our intention to deliver products that reflect our commitment to great design, material integrity, and heirloom-quality craftsmanship. This care guide is an overview of best practices for the various materials our company uses in its products. Please feel free to contact us with any specific questions that may not be covered in the information below. We hope that you will enjoy your Egg Collective piece(s) for many years to come!

Brass or Bronze

If your product is unlacquered, the finish is "live" and is intended to patina beautifully over time. Fingerprints, drink rings, smudges, etc. are part of this process. Unlacquered brass/bronze should be cleaned by dusting with a dry/soft cloth. Please refrain from using any liquid or chemical cleaning solutions as they will affect the finish. Polished brass/bronze surfaces can be re-polished using a polishing cream (our preferred product is MAAS polish). Satin brass/bronze surfaces cannot be re-polished/refinished (do not use a metal polishing cream on satin surfaces.)

If your product is lacquered, the finish will not patina or change over time. Lacquered surfaces are durable but should be treated with care as it is possible to chip, crack, or scratch the protective coating. Lacquered brass/bronze can be cleaned with mild soap and water. Refrain from using any harsh chemical cleaners, abrasives, or polishing compounds as this could affect the appearance of the lacquered surface.

Blackened Steel

Our blackened steel products are lacquered to prevent rust. The finish will not patina or change over time. Lacquered surfaces are durable but should be treated with care as it is possible to chip, crack, or scratch the protective coating. Clean the surface with mild soap and water. Refrain from using any harsh chemical cleaners, abrasives, or polishing compounds as this could affect the appearance of the lacquered surface.

Stainless Steel

Stainless steel will not patina or rust. Stainless steel can be cleaned with mild soap and water. Please refrain from using any harsh chemical cleaners, abrasives, or polishing compounds as this could affect the appearance of the surface.

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Stone

Stone is a durable material if treated properly. All of our stone surfaces are sealed prior to shipment in order to add an extra layer of protection. However, if treated improperly, stone can be stained, etched, or abraded. Please follow the instructions listed below in order to best care for your stone item:

- Wipe up all spills immediately
- Clean with a neutral cleaner, stone soap, or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water
- Use trivets or mats under hot dishes and cookware
- Use placemats under china, ceramics, silver and other objects that can scratch the stone's surface
- Use coasters under glasses, especially if they contain alcohol or citrus juices
- Don't use cleaners that contain acid such as bathroom cleaners, grout cleaners or tub cleaners
- Don't use vinegar, bleach, ammonia or other general-purpose cleaners
- Don't use abrasive cleaners such as dry cleaners or soft cleansers
- Don't use alkaline cleaners not specifically formulated for stone
- Don't use scouring powders and abrasives because they will scratch the surface
- Reseal stone table tops every 1-2 years

Wood

The best way to clean wood is with a damp cloth followed by a dry cloth making sure to remove all moisture. If necessary, a mild soap may be used. Please refrain from using any chemical cleaners as solvents may affect the finish.

Leather

Leather is a natural material; it can mold, scuff, crack or be ruined by moisture if treated improperly. The best cleaning strategy for leather is to regularly dust with a dry cloth. Leather can also be wiped down with a lightly-dampened white cotton cloth to remove topical dust / dirt. Do not use soaps or other cleansers; inappropriate soaps and detergents can soak into the leather, altering the pH, and causing premature deterioration of the fibers.

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Down Cushions

Many of the items within our upholstery line have down, or partial down, cushions. Feathers and down are among the most comfortable and long-lasting materials for sofa cushions. To help these cushions retain their shape, it is advisable to fluff them and / or brush your hands over them to smooth out depressions from time to time. Additionally, for long term maintenance, it is advisable to turn the cushions over and shake them to redistribute the feathers evenly.

Upholstery

The majority of our upholstered items are offered COM (Customer's Own Material). Therefore, we suggest referencing the care guidelines from your particular manufacturer to ensure the longevity of your fabric.

Cork

Unfinished cork is naturally resilient but will patina over time. Cork is 100% biodegradable, fire-resistant, recyclable and renewable. It is naturally water-repellent, antiallergenic, easy to clean and hard-wearing. To maintain, dust regularly with microfibre cloth. When cleaning is necessary, simply dampen a soft, clean cloth with warm water and a mild liquid detergent. Using a circular motion, gently wipe clean. Wipe away any excess moisture and allow to air dry.