



VELVET, MOHAIR AND FAUX VELVET

Cleaning Code: WS (water or solvent based spot clean)

GENERAL CARE

The best way to keep Fil Doux velvet looking good is to properly maintain it.

This can be accomplished by simply brushing off dirt before it becomes embedded in the fabric, wiping up spills as soon as they occur, or spot cleaning soon after stains occur.

Regular maintenance includes gently vacuuming the fabric with an upholstery attachment at least once a week. Ensure to brush *in the direction of the nap of the fabric*.

Velvet and mohair are prone to marking, this is a typical property of velour and it is neither a defect nor a sign of low quality. Be mindful not to leave anything heavy resting on the furniture for too long. Most all marks will recover by themselves with time and natural humidity, bruising that is more stubborn can be restored with minimal steaming and brushing of the affected area.

SPOT CLEANING

1. Blot to remove wet spills with a clean white cloth or tissue as soon as possible, rotating often to prevent transfer from the cloth. Avoid rubbing.
2. If the stain remains, blot with a with a clean white cloth or tissue moistened with water.
3. If water alone does not remove the stain, an upholstery shampoo can be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (*Apply a spot test in a discreet area to avoid discoloration*). Never apply the cleaning solution directly onto the upholstery but onto a dampened white cloth. This should then be rubbed gently onto the stain, working from the edge to the middle.
4. Any residual shampoo should be removed carefully with a damp cloth.
5. The last rubbing should always be *in the direction of the nap*. The upholstery fabric should be dried before being used again (a hair dryer on a low temperature setting can be used or allow to set for at least 24 hours).
6. Once dry, restore the loft and direction of the hairs by gently using a soft brush or vacuum, combing *in the direction of the pile*.

Notes:

Always vacuum a set-in stain before treatment.

Several smaller applications of a cleaning agent are less harmful than one concentrated dose, repeat cleaning steps multiple times if necessary.

Pay attention to the type of stain, for example: oil-based stain should be addressed with a solvent, water-based stains respond better to soaps.

If in doubt or the spot test results in discoloration, consult a professional.