

Another Country

*Care and maintenance
Series Two*



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Care instructions

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We finish our Series Two furniture range with a traditional wood oil finish followed by wax (note: we use a 'white' oil and wax on the ash components and a clear oil and wax on the walnut components. For Brass see end), applied by even application to the timber planks. This finish seals the pores of the timber, enhancing the natural structure of the wood and forming a water repellent protection against everyday wear and tear. One important benefit of this finish is the relative ease with which damage is repaired, as the timber can be reapplied with wax at any moment. We recommend you use only products supplied or approved by Another Country (see more below regarding the Another Country Care Kit).

For daily maintenance of tabletops and shelves use a damp cloth or sponge with clean water, wiping down the whole surface as one. When done correctly, this procedure should deal with any small hairline scratches; daily wear and tear and dust build up.

Do not concentrate cleaning or wiping on small patches/areas of the tabletop or shelves, even if the mark/tarnish is located in one particular part of the surface. This will cause the surface to appear patchy due to uneven wiping and rubbing. Do not use spirits, bleaches or any other chemical cleaners to clean the timber.

Please ensure that direct contact with hot objects is avoided by using tablemats or a trivet. Avoid spillages and do not use any corrosive products such as bleach anywhere near the timber. Any spillages should be wiped clean as quickly as possible. Once the immediate spillage is cleared, ensure that the whole surface is wiped clean.

For long-term general maintenance, periodic reapplication of wax is required. Ideally, the furniture should be waxed in the following way once every six months to a year. You will need clear hard wax (ideally a 'white wax' for Series Two), and two soft white cloths. Take a small piece of wax, the size relative to the surface being cleaned. As a guideline, you should use approximately 1 level teaspoon of wax for the top of a dining table, and a pea size amount for the arm of a chair. Rub the wax into one of the soft cloths. It is important to rub the wax thoroughly into the cloth so it is one even thin layer, almost becoming part of the cloth. First push the wax into the cloth with a circular movement of your hand, then grab both sides of the cloth and rub them together. Once the wax is thoroughly worked in, use the cloth to rub the entire surface of the timber, always following the grain direction. Wipe the surface with the clean white cloth to rid of excess wax. Allow the surface to dry for 24 hours before use.

For daily wear and tear, and watermarks use the following procedure:

You will need hard wax, two soft white cloths, and one soft plastic mesh scouring pad (such as Scotch-Brite). Prepare the waxy cloth as per above instructions and then set the cloth to one side. Take the scouring pad, and rub the affected area, following the direction of the wood grain, then wipe the area with the waxy cloth. Alternate rubbing with the scouring pad and the waxy cloth until the mark is removed. Then wax the entire surface. Always follow the grain direction. Wipe the surface with the clean white cloth to rid of excess wax. Allow the surface to dry for 24 hours before use.

For light damage, scratches and stains, use the following procedure.

You will need hard wax, two soft white cloths, and one 250 grit (very fine) sanding sponge. Prepare the waxy cloth as per above instructions then set the cloth to one side. Take the sanding sponge, and sand in long strokes across the affected area, following the direction of the wood grain. To avoid an uneven appearance, do not concentrate the sanding exclusively on a single patch, and sand only until the mark is removed. Too much sanding may remove the layers of oil thus creating a patchy finish. Wipe the surface with the clean white cloth to rid of all dust. Take the previously prepared waxy cloth and rub onto the planks, following the grain direction. Rub into the entire surface, concentrating more on the sanded area. Be sure to always follow the grain direction. After wiping thoroughly several times, take the clean white cloth and wipe the surface to rid of any excess wax. Allow the surface to dry for 24 hours before use.

For deep scratches, we recommend professional refinishing.

NOTE: Another Country can supply you with a Care Kit containing all the necessary care and cleaning items. Please call us or check the website for details. If you wish to purchase a hard wax yourself we recommend (for UK customers) Mylands wax or Harrell's Traditional wax.

BRASS: for regular maintenance of your brushed brass components, we recommend you buy from us or from a specialist supplier an Ultra Fine Mirka Mirlon Finishing Pad. Please call us or check the website for details.

