

*Ethnicraft*

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OUTDOOR COLLECTION

## ABOUT US

### TIMELESS DESIGN

All our designs are intentionally timeless. They withstand trends and associate well with different styles, and they can be passed on from one home to the next, carrying over the stories of one lifetime into another. Our collections go back to the essence of what we believe is good design: pieces full of character, made from quality materials that age beautifully. We love that solid wood evolves with the years as it carries the marks of the life that happens to it.

### THE BEAUTY OF SOLID WOOD

The beauty of natural materials lies in its peculiarities and imperfections. Variations in the wood grain and colour, knots, medullary rays and other natural characteristics are inherent. These are far from flaws, but an intricate part of its character. We believe that these imperfections contribute to the charm of our products.

### CRAFTSMANSHIP

Outstanding craftsmanship is at the core of our brand, and behind the simplicity of our pieces lies a constant drive for innovation. Incorporating advanced techniques to our process of creation, each new design is revised and reworked to the last detail: every curve, texture and line reflects our design values.

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Ethnicraft's outdoor collection is designed to adapt well to a range of environmental conditions, whether that be on an urban terrace or beachfront patio; warm and tropical or cool and mountainous. As the furniture adapts to its environment, it is normal for some cracking and movement to occur.

The beauty of teak is that, even when left in its natural state, outdoors and in any season, it is basically maintenance-free. Our teak range comes without any finish or protective treatment. The wood is merely polished, allowing the natural oils to rise to the surface. The high density of teak wood means it is an excellent choice for outdoor use.

Overtime, it is natural for untreated furniture to grey slightly due to prolonged sun and rain exposure. This colour change is purely superficial and does not impact the strength or quality of the timber.

### PREVENTIVE CARE

We recommend that you rinse your garden furniture thoroughly with a garden hose before first use. Teak is rich in natural oils, so rain showers can cause these oils to be released and leave marks on new teak furniture. Do not use a pressure washer and make sure garden chairs are not placed under the garden table while rinsing.

Even though no additional treatment is required on your outdoor teak pieces, you can choose to apply to following treatment:

- To maintain and protect your pieces, you can clean your teak furniture with a teak cleaner. The teak cleaner will restore the furniture to its original cleanliness and will remove irregular pattern of discoloration.

- To protect the teak from liquids, stains, green deposit and dirt you can apply a teak protector after each cleaning.

## REGULAR CARE

Teak's high density has the advantage that stains do not penetrate the wood as easily. Even with these characteristics, any spills should be removed immediately.

Use place mats and/or coasters to prevent hot pots and pans, or cold glasses and bottles, from leaving marks on the furniture.

For regular wiping, use a dry cloth or soft brush for dusting off crumbs and leaves – do not rub. For cleaning, or in case of a spill, use a damp cloth and natural soap. Wipe in the direction of the grain. Do not use soap containing detergent or other chemicals. Dry with a soft clean cloth to prevent spotting.

With teak's natural oils rising to the surface, it can appear as irregular colouring or appear like a watermark. This is not a flaw, but a natural part of the timber's maturing. Use a damp cloth and natural soap to clean.

After any cleaning, ensure that furniture is dried thoroughly as spores that result in mould growth thrive in prolonged damp and dirty conditions.

Avoid letting water rest on any furniture surfaces for periods of time as permanent water damage can occur on wood, fabric or metal.

All teak items are equipped with glides to prevent water absorption from the ground. As well as preserving the furniture's feet, glides protect ground surfaces from scratches. Important! To prevent warping, before using a sofa with 5 or 6 legs, always adapt the adjustable glides of the middle legs to the ground surface. For stability, middle legs need to be slightly shorter.

Always ensure solutions used to clean paving, patios or terraces do not come into contact with the furniture, as it might leave permanent marks on surfaces. Some wood species contain tannin, which causes the wood to react with metal and leave permanent stains.

Avoid close exposure to heating sources such as outdoor fires, braziers and heaters.

## THOROUGH CARE

To keep your Ethnecraft outdoor furniture in optimal condition we suggest fitting a custom rain cover during seasons where it is not in use or periods of bad weather.

Ensure the furniture is thoroughly clean and dry before applying the cover protection. For long periods of time we recommend that, if possible, any soft furnishings, cushions etc should be removed and stored indoors.

To remove stubborn stains or superficial scratches to teak surfaces, extra fine sandpaper can be gently used. Always sand in the direction of the wood grain.

## RAIN COVERS

Custom-made to fit your Ethnicraft outdoor furniture and upholstery, our rain covers provide excellent protection against water, wind and frost. Guarding against dust, dirt, UV and harsh weather conditions, the covers are breathable to prevent mould and mildew growth. Covers feature metal eyelets for fastening against high winds.

Produced in Europe and handmade using a PU-coated textile specifically developed to protect quality wooden furniture, providing a gentle shield to the surface it rests on. Covers are durable and lightweight to ensure easy fitting.

Before fitting, ensure furniture and upholstery has been cleaned off and is completely dry. Ensure any dirt or leaves have been dusted off surfaces to reduce the chance of mould growth.

Remove the cover regularly in order to let the furniture and upholstery breath, as any residue or moisture trapped on surfaces can cause mould. For table top covers, we advise to place a tennis ball or similar object between the cover and the table surface to enable better ventilation.

Covers are easy-care, machine washable up to 30 °C/86 °F, and fold down easily for storing. Air dry only, ensure cover is completely dry before storing. For ongoing care, we recommend cleaning any debris off the cover regularly with a cloth, brush or hose.

## OUTDOOR UPHOLSTERY & FABRICS

Ethnicraft outdoor fabrics are 100% polypropylene, an all-weather material. Polypropylene by its nature is water-repellent, stain-resistant, as well as resistant to mould, moths and bacteria like no other synthetic or natural fibre. It is also:

- UV resistant.
- Resistant to the action of acids and alkalis.
- Hypoallergenic, with anti-odorant properties.
- Resistant to humidity and, although not completely waterproof, it does not absorb water and is quick-drying.
- Maintenance friendly - easily cleaned with clear water and a natural soap. Covers are machine washable up to 40 °C/104 °F. Do not use any chemical products not designed for polyester.
- 100% recyclable.

All sit cushions are equipped with an anti-slip fabric on the bottom to ensure cushions remain in the correct position.

The naturally occurring surface oil in teak can cause stains on cushions. To clean, use a damp white cloth, natural soap and clear water. Please note, natural oil transfer from wood to fabric is a recurring process that cannot be prevented.

## CUSHION INNERS

All cushions are inserted with a long-lasting, quick-dry foam. This dries quickly after exposure to rain, ocean spray, melting snow, morning dew, or moisture and humidity which can penetrate even a "water repellent" outer shell over a period of time.

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