



# Ethnicraft

## WOOD MAINTENANCE GUIDE

### Teak Furniture

Ethnicraft's 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 has the advantage that stains stay on the surface and do not penetrate into the wood easily.

**DAILY CARE:** For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap. Do not use soap containing detergent and in case of a spill, make sure you remove it immediately.

**PREVENTIVE TREATMENT:** If you want to protect the wood from the start, apply a protective coating. We recommend Osmo Polyx Hard Wax Oil. This seals the pores of the timber and creates a natural protection. Even then, stains and marks should be removed immediately. If liquids or substances are left to penetrate the wood, the furniture will eventually get stained.

**STUBBORN STAINS & REPAIRS:** To remove stubborn stains or superficial scratches, extra fine sandpaper (minimum 320 grit) can be used. Make sure you always rub in the direction of the wood grain.

### Walnut Furniture

All Ethnicraft walnut furniture is finished with a tinted natural oil. This finish forms a natural coating, protecting the wood against most substances and liquids, but is not a complete guarantee against stains.

**DAILY CARE:** For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap. Do not use soap containing detergent and in case of a spill, make sure you remove it immediately.

**CLEANING & REFRESHING THE SURFACE:** To refresh your furniture or to remove absorbed stains (crayons or pencil marks, wine stains, fruit juice stains,... etc.) we recommend Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner (3029). This product cleans, regenerates and slightly reinforces the original protective coating.

**YEARLY CARE:** As time goes by, depending on the amount of wear the furniture gets, the original hardwax coating may need to be renewed. We recommend using Osmo Hardwax Oil for walnut furniture (5063). For the correct application, please see the Maintenance Guide on our website. Please note that it is important to remove excess product after application to avoid white spots after drying.

**STUBBORN STAINS & REPAIRS:** In case of stubborn stains or to remove a superficial scratch you may need to sand the surface and apply a new layer of hardwax oil (5063).

### Oak Furniture

**OILED:** Most of the Ethnicraft oak furniture is finished with a pigmented hardwax oil. This finish gives the furniture its desired natural color and forms a natural protective coating that acts as a repellent against most common substances and liquids, but is no foolproof guarantee against stains.

**DAILY CARE:** For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap. Do not use soap containing detergent and in case of a spill, make sure you remove it immediately.

**CLEANING & REFRESHING THE SURFACE:** To refresh your furniture or to remove absorbed stains (crayons or pencil marks, wine stains, fruit juice stains, etc.) we recommend Osmo Liquid Wax Cleaner (3029). This product cleans, regenerates and slightly reinforces the original protective coating.

**YEARLY CARE:** As time goes by, depending on the amount of wear the furniture gets, the original hardwax coating may need to be renewed. We recommend using Osmo Hardwax Oil Natural (3041). For the correct application, please see the Maintenance Guide on our website. Please note that it is important to remove excess product after application to avoid white spots after drying.

**STUBBORN STAINS & REPAIRS:** In case of stubborn stains or to remove a superficial scratch you may need to sand the surface and apply a new layer of hardwax oil (3041).

**VARNISHED + BLACK PAINTED:** Part of the Ethnicraft oak furniture is varnished or painted instead of oiled. Even with this preventative treatment, spills should be removed immediately. If the liquid or substance is left to penetrate the wood over a period of time, the furniture will eventually get stained. *For stubborn stains and repairs, consult a professional.*

**DAILY CARE:** For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a mild solution of warm water and natural soap. Do not use solvent-based cleaning agents as these might damage the varnish.