

Leather Upholstery Care

Leather ages with time and can easily last longer and serve you better only when you schedule regular maintenance. Because leather is like skin, it can dry out, crack, and even fade if you don't give it a little maintenance. Klaussner offers more than 75+ types of leather upholstery options. Feel free to [check out our leather guide](#).

Characteristics of leather

Remember that no two pieces of leather are the same. Natural high-quality leather, such as full-grain or top-grain leather, has its own wrinkles and markings.

Leather can be made super soft or extremely tough. This depends on how it's tanned and treated.

Despite being a durable material, leather doesn't love water. Too much moisture can dry it out and it can end up cracking over time. But don't worry, conditioned leather doesn't suffer from such problems.

Practical tips to keep your leather furniture in good shape

- Use an upholstery attachment when you vacuum or simply dust the leather using a soft cloth.
- **Handle stains like a pro:** If you have stained your leather, use a lightly dampened cloth and add a little amount of mild non-detergent soap and wipe the area. This helps remove soil or stains. Stay away from dabbing the stained area as it causes unnecessary spotting on it. Let it dry naturally, and if the stain still persists, repeat the steps.
- **Stay away from harsh chemicals:** Avoid using furniture polish, ammonia water, regular soap, oils, or dusting agents to clean the leather. There are high chances that they will ruin the leather.
- **Maintain room temperature.** Leather demands a certain level of temperature and humidity. So place your leather furniture in humidified places. Avoid keeping in direct sunlight, heating, or air conditioners, and remove any kind of unnecessary moisture from leather that may cause additional cracks or splits.
- **To avoid accidental spills,** keep ink pens, nail polish, and other staining products away. Even placing newspapers or magazines directly on the surface can transfer ink in some cases.
- **To handle butter, oil or grease spills,** you can blot the excess with a clean dry cloth. Remember, no rubbing or scrubbing here. For the most part, the spot should naturally fade away. Don't add water or try to wash it, as that can make things worse.

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- Since **leather has limited elasticity** you can't simply stretch it always. When stretched it might not completely return to its original shape. So, use it carefully.