

BOROFKA'S

Wood Furniture Care Guide

Natural Wood

The beauty of wood is the purest expression of nature. Just as every tree in nature is different, every board used in your piece of furniture is different from the next. For this reason, the piece of furniture delivered to your home can never be identical to the one in the showroom. No man-made material can compare to the distinct and intricate grain patterns or characteristics of natural wood. The differences in the beauty of natural wood grain and the subtle variations of coloring give real wood its warmth and richness. Color variations, knots, small pitted areas, gum and mineral deposits, and other marks of nature are normal and guarantee that you have purchased genuine wood furniture. Enjoy your new heirloom furniture as nature's gift of individuality.

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You have bought fine quality furniture that requires little maintenance! To dust your furniture, it is recommended that you use a slightly damp knit cloth and wipe with the grain of the wood. You can hide minor nicks and imperfections that occur over time by using a touch-up marker, shoe polish or a bit of stain. Try all touch-up materials in an inconspicuous area to be sure the color will blend satisfactorily. Avoid petroleum waxes (common household furniture sprays), oily polishes, vinegar and acidic-based cleaners on your heirloom furniture.

Never allow spilled food or beverages to dry on any wood surface. Avoid placing any hot dishes or objects directly on wood tops. The warranty does not cover heat mark damages. Use heat pads or felt to protect the surface. Do not use vinyl/plastic pads or mats for extended periods of time as staining and softening of the finish can result. It is important that your new piece avoids direct contact with alcohol, perfume, fingernail polish or remover, hairspray, plastic products, and other chemicals/solvents. Many of these items can soften the lacquer, discolor the area, and possibly eat away at the finish.

Solid Wood, Your Home, and Time

Time, along with the freezing and thawing of our changing seasons, can cause the foundation of your home to become uneven. This can cause furniture to sit unevenly

along with uneven doors on cabinets. Our Borofka's delivery team will level your furniture upon delivery if needed.

Wood finishes will change in appearance with the normal aging process. Slight variations in appearance and the fit of joints and seams will result from the normal expansion and contraction of wood as it responds to temperature and humidity changes in your home. Some wood species darken with age, most notably Cherry wood. During the early period of owning a solid wood heirloom, rotate objects that sit on top of the piece often to prevent a lightened area under the object. This, in effect, will keep the natural darkening process even. These changes in tone, fit, finish and texture are normal signs of aging into an antique heirloom.

Solid wood reacts to the amount of humidity in your home. Long periods of low humidity will dry out wood and may cause splitting, cracking, and warping. Exposing your furniture to excessive dampness is also something that should be avoided. Controlling your indoor relative humidity year round between 40%-45% will lessen these problems. When arranging furniture in your home, be thoughtful to avoid heat vents and direct sunlight to prevent discoloration, drying and cracking.

Matching Furniture at a Later Date

All boards absorb stain differently. Any finish may look slightly different from one piece to another. If you are building your dream collection one piece at a time, there are variables that can cause appearance differences between pieces from separate orders. Variables may include graining, knots, piths, color, stain absorption, sheen and dye lot color of the stain or paint. Because of this, Borofka's cannot guarantee a perfect match from item to item on a separate order at a later date.

Painted Furniture

We paint real wood versus the industry standard of painting particleboard. Wood grain, knots and piths will usually remain noticeable even when painted. Real wood also has normal expansion and contraction which will highlight small paint cracks near the joints and seams of each piece.

Quality

The finest quality, care, and craftsmanship go into each piece providing you with a durable and beautiful piece of furniture for years to come. The small family shops that bring this fine furniture to you will repair or replace (at their discretion) any piece of furniture that is found to be defective in materials or workmanship. Borofka's also warrants beds against being loose. Our patented bed bracket system allows us to guarantee that all wood beds will remain sturdy tight and structurally sound.