

cleaning codes

UPHOLSTERY CARE	UPHOLSTERY FABRIC SELECTION										
<p>Upholstered furniture can look its best when properly cared for on a regular basis. To obtain longer wear and comfort of your upholstery, vacuum and hand fluff the cushions. If they are reversible, turn them over and rotate the positions of each cushion once a week. Also, avoid placing the piece in direct sunlight, since this will cause any fabric to fade.</p> <p>General Precautions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do not allow stains to set. <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-test the fabric for fading and shrinkage. <input type="checkbox"/> Do not soak a fabric when cleaning it. <input type="checkbox"/> Use clean, absorbent soft cloths when removing a stain. <input type="checkbox"/> Work from the edge of the stain towards the center to keep from spreading the stain. <input type="checkbox"/> Blot the stain and avoid harsh rubbing. <input type="checkbox"/> Dust the wet area with <u>pure</u> talcum powder to absorb moisture, then use a fan or hair dryer set at cool to speed up the drying process. 	<p><u>So Many Fibers – So Little Time</u></p> <p>With many of the possible combinations of fibers in a given piece of fabric, it can be very confusing to consumers trying to select a blend, which best suits their needs. There are two groups of fibers; natural & man-made. Man-made fibers are produced either from cellulose or various combinations of carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, and oxygen. Here are the basic characteristics of the fibers you are likely to run into during your search for the ideal fabric.</p>										
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<p>The tighter the weave, the longer the wear. Hold it up to the light. Can you see through it? Generally, people pick a blended fabric with some natural and some man-made fibers to benefit from qualities of each group. Patterns hide spots better than solid colors. Generally big bold patterns look best on large pieces, small patterns on small pieces. You can mix patterns providing you use common colors and mix small patterns with large. For example: a side chair in a small blue & cream floral mixes well with a sofa in a large blue & cream check (of course-this is subjective-go with your own tastes and preferences.)</p>											