

GENERAL CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE A for flatwoven and chenille fabrics - fixed upholstery

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Fabrics supplied by Sunbury Design are not machine washable (unless otherwise stated on the pattern book) and are specialist upholstery dry clean only. For fabrics treated with a Teflon Fabric Protector or similar we recommend a maximum of three dry clean treatments.



Here are some general rules to follow for regular care:

1. Protect from excessive sunlight.
2. Avoid contact with strong heat.
3. Regularly brush using a soft headed brush to remove normal dust. Chenille fabrics in particular can be subject to pile flattening causing shading, this is unavoidable due to the nature of the yarn. Regular light vacuuming or brushing will help minimise this effect.
4. Gently vacuum or brush away loose dirt before it becomes embedded in the fabric.
5. Clean up spills and stains right away. The longer stains are allowed to remain the more difficult they are to remove. In most cases a clean absorbent cloth, facial tissue or sponge can be used to blot up spots and spills taking care not to rub the stain deeper into the fabric.
6. For solid or semi-solid spills (eg butter) remove excess by gently lifting off with a blunt knife or spatula, then take appropriate cleaning action.
7. To remove minor spillages use a good proprietary brand of mild (neutral) upholstery shampoo following the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not saturate the fabric with water or cleaning agents.
9. For more serious water based stains use an appropriate dry spray solvent or spot stain remover, following manufacturer's instructions.
10. For more serious oil based stains the cover, if loose should be professionally upholstery dry cleaned. For fixed upholstery see point 9 or seek professional advise for the particular spillage/stain type.
11. **IMPORTANT:** When dealing with any stain it is important to always test an inconspicuous area of the fabric first to ensure the treatment will not permanently damage the fabric.
12. Care must be taken to avoid sharp edges, buckles etc that can cause the fabric to snag. If snags do occur carefully push them back into the fabric with a fine but blunt tool. Do not attempt to pull them which may cause damage.

If in any doubt and for serious soiling and staining specialist upholstery cleaning advice should be obtained.