

GENERAL CARE AND CLEANING GUIDE B2

for viscose velvet/pile fabrics - fixed upholstery

Fabrics supplied by 'Sunbury' Fabrics are not washable (unless otherwise stated on the pattern book) and are specialist upholstery dry clean only.



Viscose pile velvets have a luxurious appearance with a high quality feel, they can be instantly recognised by the intense, high shine colour which gives different effects and shading as the pile moves. It is important to understand that these fabrics are not intended to stay looking 'new' and it's the inherent nature of the viscose pile to 'crush', this is part of the appeal of this type of fabric, and with continued use and over time the fabric will develop a unique character.

Here are some general rules to follow for regular care:

1. Protect from excessive sunlight.
2. Permanent marking may occur if fabric comes into contact with strong heat. Contact with a radiator or hot items placed directly onto the pile will permanently damage it.
3. Dust and grit should be removed frequently with a soft brush or upholstery attachment of a vacuum cleaner. Brush first against the lay of the pile to raise it, before brushing again in the other direction, particular attention should be paid to areas where heavier soiling may occur.
4. If velvet arms or headrest covers are used they should be lined with calico to prevent damaging the fabric pile.
5. Do not wet or saturate the fabric this will damage the viscose pile.
6. Viscose is a natural fibre and as with all natural fibres will have a tendency to soak up liquids so the golden rule when dealing with spills is to take immediate action. The longer spills are left the less effective attempts will be to remove them. If caught in time nearly all stain substance can be removed by dabbing with a clean, absorbent, soft cloth.
7. Alternatively for more serious stains use a commercially available dry foam upholstery shampoo suitable for viscose pile fabrics (following the manufacturers instructions).
8. 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.
9. **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. If in any doubt and for serious soiling and staining specialist upholstery cleaning advice should be obtained.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR USE

Care should be taken with upholstered cushions to ensure that the fitting is firm and even to prevent creasing. A suitable lining is necessary to allow adequate recovery of the cushion surface after use, the cushion surface should be domed. Cushions should be regularly turned during use to ensure even wear. No responsibility is taken when fabric is used for piping. Padding on the arms must be sufficient to allow pile recovery. Pile flattening may occur, this is the nature of viscose pile fabrics and is not to be mistaken as a fault and does not indicate undue wear. Velvets will naturally shade lighter or darker depending on the lay of the pile, care should be taken to ensure the pile always goes the same way.