



Wood, like any other natural and porous material, continues to absorb and to release humidity throughout its life. Wildspirit designs furniture that can adapt well to the hygrometric conditions of its environment. Its design structure allows the wood to expand and contract. Occasional imperfections may occur and will contribute to the charm of Wildspirit furniture. Variations in wood grain, texture & color, knots and other natural occurring characteristics are inherent to solid wood. Wildspirit consciously selects a specific wood quality that adds more character to its designs. All our furniture has been designed for indoor use, except otherwise indicated.

maintenance

A. Walnut, Oak, Beech, Plywood Birch, Bamboo, Zebrano

- Wipe down the wood with a cotton rag. Dust left on furniture too long can damage the surface. Dust particles build up and clump together, causing scratches in the finish when it is dusted.
- Avoid putting wet or hot items directly on the wood surface (such as Lati table, Stoll 50,...). Condensation from a glass can damage the surface. Hot items, such as a pan, will leave white marks on the surface. These rings are almost impossible to remove.
- Clean the wood surface with a clean, moist cloth by using some wood cleaner in your water. Remove any excess water immediately. Rinse with clear water. Dry the surface thoroughly with a soft, cotton rag. Too much solvent/wood cleaner can damage the furniture surface.
- Avoid furniture sprays and waxes. These polishes can leave a build-up that appears blotchy or spotted. If build-up has occurred, remove it with warm, soapy water.
- Protect the wood surface from scratches. Use coasters, tablecloths or other coverings. Glasses, picture frames and decorative items can cause scratches and gouges when they are moved around the surface. Place a table mat or doily on the furniture to protect the wood veneer.

warning

- Avoid using or placing sharp objects (belts, buckles, studs from jeans trousers, zips,...) on the wood (for ex. Play chair). Wood is very durable, but not accident or damage proof.
- Beware of not placing the wood too near to direct strong heat sources such as open fires, heat outlets, or sources of damp. Make sure that the wood doesn't dry out, as it will eventually show cracks. The ideal humidity is between 40% and 60%. If the humidity level is lower or higher, the solid wood can show small cracks that can not be repaired.
- Chemical cleaners should not be used.
- Above mentioned wood types are only designed for indoor use.

B. Teak

Wildspirit makes no concessions when it comes to quality, we only use carefully selected, fully grown teak, which is harvested in accordance with the strictest environmental standards. The wood comes from the Tectona Grandis, a tree that can grow to a height of 45m under proper conditions with a trunk diameter of up to 2.4 meters.

The reason for its generally commended durability is the high levels of natural oils it contains. The resulting minimal moisture absorption prevents warping which gives it great stability. Moreover, the wood is extremely resistant to the influences of chemicals, as well as against attacks by vermin. These qualities, combined with its exceptionally beautiful color and structure has given it the name, 'the aristocrat of all wood'. The teak tree is predominantly found in the Golden Triangle, a region which covers Laos, Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Thailand.

maintenance

Teak does not need additional protection due to its high resistance. Nevertheless it may be necessary to treat the wood so that it is less prone to staining. During outdoor use, the untreated wood will oxidize and get a silver grey patina due to exposure to water and UV rays. Whether this natural process is desirable or not is a question of personal taste. To clean teak, all you really need is a bottle of "teak cleaner". These products are formulated to kill the mold and mildew and restore the natural wood color. It comes in a single bottle and uses a mild chemical to clean the wood. Because they are relatively mild, you need to work the cleaner into the wood with a bristle brush and let it sit for 5-15 minutes before rinsing it off. While rinsing the wood, use bronze wool to rub the surface (in the direction of the wood grain). This opens up the pores of the wood to remove the entire cleaner ensure that the wood is as clean as possible.

preventive care

After your teak is clean and dry, you can choose to apply something to the wood to give it a nice appearance that (hopefully) will last. You can go for teak oils that penetrate into the wood and replenish the oil supply while teak sealers coat the wood and protect the wood from staining. Apply the teak sealer only when the wood is completely dry. Both products – teak oils and teak sealers – can easily be found on your market.

warning

Do not use high pressure cleaners as they damage the wood fibers and increase the porosity of the wood.

C. Cedar

Wildspirit uses solid pieces of cedar wood to knit together with finger-joints into a large 12mm thick sheet. Together they make a solid block.

Each Motley pouf made out of cedar is a unique handcrafted item and can show small cracks but this is inevitable because of the softness of the wood and is part of the natural characteristics of the cedar wood.

These cedar poufs can be used indoors and outdoors.

Variations in color can arise from exposure to UV light and are a feature of the individual character of each Motley pouf. This natural process can not be claimed as a production error.

maintenance

When the Motley poufs in cedar are used outside regular cleaning to eliminate dirt and pollen several times a year is recommended. Using a little dish soap with warm water and a light scrubbing and rinsing with the garden hose is all that is needed. However, a good sealer purchased from your local hardware store will add a layer of protection without adding a finish. It will seal the woods pores against the penetration of water, and inhibits the grain from becoming raised. This will still allow the natural aging or weathering process. A sealer should be applied once a year. Be sure that the wood is completely dry before applying the sealer.

warning

Cedar furniture will become discolored (grey color) when left outside.