



**REVITALIZE OLD  
FURNITURE:  
SIMPLE GUIDE  
FOR A FRESH,  
SHINY LOOK**

# ABSTRACT

Furniture polishing is a crucial aspect of furniture maintenance that enhances both the appearance and longevity of your cherished pieces. Proper polishing not only restores a beautiful shine but also protects your furniture from damage.

Whether you have antique heirlooms or modern furnishings, understanding the process and benefits of furniture polishing can help you keep your pieces looking their best. In this blog post, we'll delve into the importance of furniture polishing, the types of polish available, and tips for achieving a flawless finish.

## INTRODUCTION

Classic wood furniture never goes out of style and is often featured in farmhouse, vintage, and midcentury modern styles as family heirlooms and flea market finds. However, wood furniture can also be frustrating to clean. Over time, it tends to show dirt that can't be removed with a duster. And sometimes, even if you try to clean it, shiny streaks are left behind.

### I. Room Essentials: Types of Furniture for Every Space

Whether you're starting with a blank canvas in a new home or want to refresh your existing space, choosing the right furniture can be overwhelming.

Furniture not only allows us to express ourselves and our own unique styles it also brings functionality to our living spaces. In this guide, we'll walk you through various rooms in the home to help you identify key pieces of living room furniture, dining room furniture, bedroom furniture, office furniture, and kitchen furniture to make your house feel like home.

#### Living Room Furniture



The living room is the heart of your home. It's where you spend most of your time relaxing and hosting friends and family. So it's crucial to choose the right furniture for this space.

When it comes to choosing the right pieces for your living room, Artem Kropovinsky, Founder and Principal Designer at [arsight](#), advises you "Contemplate the room's purpose." When thinking about your living room interior design, Kropovinsky says you should, "Take into account the dimensions of your room. Before commencing your shopping journey, measure the living area to determine the suitable size for your furniture."



Once you know how much space you have to play with Kropovinsky says you should, “Select a design that resonates with you.” Numerous living room furniture styles exist from minimalist and art deco to mid-century modern and contemporary furniture. “Spend time exploring to discover your preference,” recommends Kropovinsky.

Here are some of the key pieces of furniture you should consider for your living room:

- Sofas: Sectionals, Modular Sofas, Sleeper Sofas, Leather Sofas, Slipcovered Sofas, Pit Sofas
- Additional seating: Accent Chairs, Benches, Recliners, Armchairs, Chair-and-a-Halves, Chaises
- Tables and storage: Modern Coffee Tables, TV Cabinets, Bookshelves, Ottoman Tables, Credenzas and Console tables

## Dining Room Furniture



The dining room is a place for gathering. It's where you come together with friends and family to celebrate big moments like birthdays, Thanksgiving dinners, or a nice Sunday dinner.

The most important part of your dining room furniture is the dining table and Kropovinsky advises that you, "Measure your area before starting your search to know the appropriate dining table size." You should also consider the seating capacity as "regularly hosting guests requires a table that can seat everyone with ease."



Once you've landed on a style you like, you could choose a dining set or aim to mix and match chairs around your dining table. "You want to ensure your chair picks will allow for dinner parties, family dinners, and more," advises Heather Goerzen.

Here are some of the pieces of furniture you should consider for your dining room:

- Dining tables: Round, Extendable, Farmhouse dining tables, Scandinavian
- Chairs: Armchairs, Side Chairs, Armless Chairs, Upholstered Chairs
- Storage: Credenzas, Sideboards, Buffets, Console Tables

## Bedroom Furniture



The bedroom is a very personal space so you can be a little more creative with your furniture design and decor choices if you'd like to be. The bed is obviously the centerpiece of the room and Kropovinsky you should "take time to identify your favorite style of bed."

When designing a bedroom, you should also consider the importance of bedside tables and nightstands. "These are ideal for placing a light, alarm clock, and other necessities," says Kropovinsky. When looking at nightstands, Shaw advises that you also consider the "nightstand size, height and features."

**Bedroom furniture essentials include:**

- Beds: Platform Beds, Upholstered Beds, Minimalist Beds, Canopy Beds, Storage Beds
- Storage: Nightstands and Bedside Tables, Dressers, Wardrobes

Home Office Furniture



In the world of work from home, if space allows, a home office is an incredible luxury to have. When it comes to furnishing a home office space Kropovinsky advises that you, “Determine the room’s purpose.” If you’re on calls all day, you might want to create a nice backdrop or if you spend large chunks of time writing a large desk space might be more of a priority. Some nice artwork can also make the space feel more personal to you.

## Kitchen Furniture





In the kitchen, you should think about how you want to use the space to help you decide on the right types of furniture. For example, if you like to eat breakfast as a family a dining set or kitchen island with some bar stools / counter stools could be good options.

Cabinets offer ample storage space for kitchenware and can help keep the room organized. So you don't often need to add additional pieces but if space allows a sideboard or buffet could be a nice space to keep your best dinnerware.

## **II. 5 easy ways to make furniture look more expensive according to interior designers**



Your choice of furniture sets the tone of your home, giving each room a particular look and feel. But unfortunately, we can't always afford to buy the most expensive and luxurious furniture on the market and, even if we do have some beautiful pieces, age creeps up on everything.

So, how do we make our furniture look more expensive without breaking the bank? In this guide we've asked some top interior designers to give us their ideas to help perk up your furniture and add value to your existing pieces. With a few thoughtful touches, you can easily make your home look more expensive.

### **How to make furniture look more expensive**

Many people focus on their home décor, but giving your furniture some love is another way to spruce up your space. These simple ideas could help make your living room look more luxurious or elevate the feel of your bedroom without actually having to buy anything new.

#### **1. Firstly, take care of your furniture**



'It may seem obvious but the best way to make your furniture look upscale and luxurious is to invest time into taking good care of your pieces, explains designer Kathy Kuo, CEO of Kathy Kuo Home. 'If you have furniture upholstered in any sort of specialty material, read up on the proper way to clean it; the same goes for rugs and decorative pieces like pillows and throw blankets. Especially if you've invested in furniture made from high-quality materials, proper care and cleaning is a great way to keep your pieces looking shiny and new for years to come.'

## 2. Fix small imperfections for maximum effect



It's up to you as to what level of DIY you think you can handle, but learning to fix small imperfections on your furniture will instantly lift a piece and help to make it look more expensive. 'Chipped paintwork, scratches, and stains will make furniture look cheap so a French Polish or re-paint may give your furniture a new lease of life if it's beginning to look tatty,' explains Cherie Lee.

### 3. Elevate a piece just with accessories



An easy way to elevate your existing furniture is with some carefully chosen accessories. As interior designer Artem Kropovinsky, founder of Arsight says, 'A few well-chosen, high-quality decor pieces can elevate your entire look.'

Spending a little money on accessories is an easy way to lift furniture, giving it a touch of opulence and elegance without having to break the bank. Nick Cryer, founder of Berkeley Place, suggests adding cushions, 'To elevate the look of your furniture and make it appear more expensive, invest in high-quality, luxurious cushions with intricate detailing and rich textures.' Whereas Cherie Lee reminds us that, 'A well-styled piece of furniture will instantly look more expensive and considered, while a poorly styled piece of expensive furniture will struggle to shine through.'

#### 4. Switch out any hardware for an easy refresh



Old furniture can be instantly uplifted by adding a small detail or making little changes to a piece. As Artem Kropovinsky says, 'Well-constructed joints and finishes speak volumes.' From bedroom styling to living room decor, there are plenty of little tips and tricks you can use to uplift your furniture.

As Martha Lord, interior designer, and co-founder of Boland Lord Design says, 'Adding beautiful hardware to an old piece of furniture can refresh its appearance by providing a modern touch or complementing its existing style. It's a cost-effective way to enhance aesthetics and bring a dated piece into a more contemporary or personalized look.'

### 5. Try reupholstering (or expose the workings)



Reupholstering furniture isn't the easiest DIY but it can make a huge difference to a piece, and if it's just the fabric you are replacing it's something you can teach yourself and have a go at.

Or if you're feeling particularly brave, take note from designer Sophie Roswell who elevated this old couch by exposing section of the upholstery for a very chic modern rustic look. The founder of Côte de Folk explains, 'Expose the inner workings - upholstery and furniture making is such an art form and true craftsmanship, don't be afraid to expose the inner workings of a piece - the oak frame, the traditional horsehair filling, every pin and thread that goes into making a beautiful sofa.'

### Should I consider buying new furniture?

If you have the budget and your furniture is looking beyond any redemption new furniture is always worth considering. But before you spend your money on new pieces, you should also consider buying second-hand. Antique furniture can add individuality to your home, giving a room an individual feel that isn't easily replicated. Read our article on mistakes to avoid when shopping for thrifted furniture to get started.

### What should I look for when buying furniture?

If in doubt simplicity offers sophistication, you can't go wrong with clutter free clean line, and usually if you're struggling with dimensions, bigger or even oversized will look better than something small which can quickly look misplaced and cheap.'

And Dara Huang, founder of Dara Maison explains, 'The key to making your furniture look more expensive is craftsmanship and attention to detail. Invest in pieces that showcase impeccable construction and unique design elements. Mix textures and materials to create depth and interest.'

There are plenty of simple ways to elevate your tired-looking furniture. It just depends how hands-on you want to get with the DIY - painting a piece of worn wooden furniture is so simple anyone can do it, but if you want to have a go at reupholstering that will take more time patience, and skill.

### **III. How to Clean Wood Furniture to Make It Look New Again**



When it comes to wood furniture maintenance, there are a number of terms that get tossed around, such as dusting, cleaning, waxing, and polishing. While experts have varying opinions on wood furniture care, the technique you use will depend on the finish.

#### **How to Clean Wood Furniture**

When cleaning wood furnishings, never use all-purpose cleaning sprays, such as the kind used on kitchen tables, unless your furniture has a plastic coating. If you've used wood sprays and polishes in the past or suspect that furniture has been polished with them, be aware that these residues can interfere with refinishing and may need professional attention.

### **Step 1: Prepare the Cleaner**

To revive grimy wood furniture, mix equal parts olive oil, denatured alcohol, gum turpentine, and strained lemon juice.

### **Step 2: Apply and Buff**

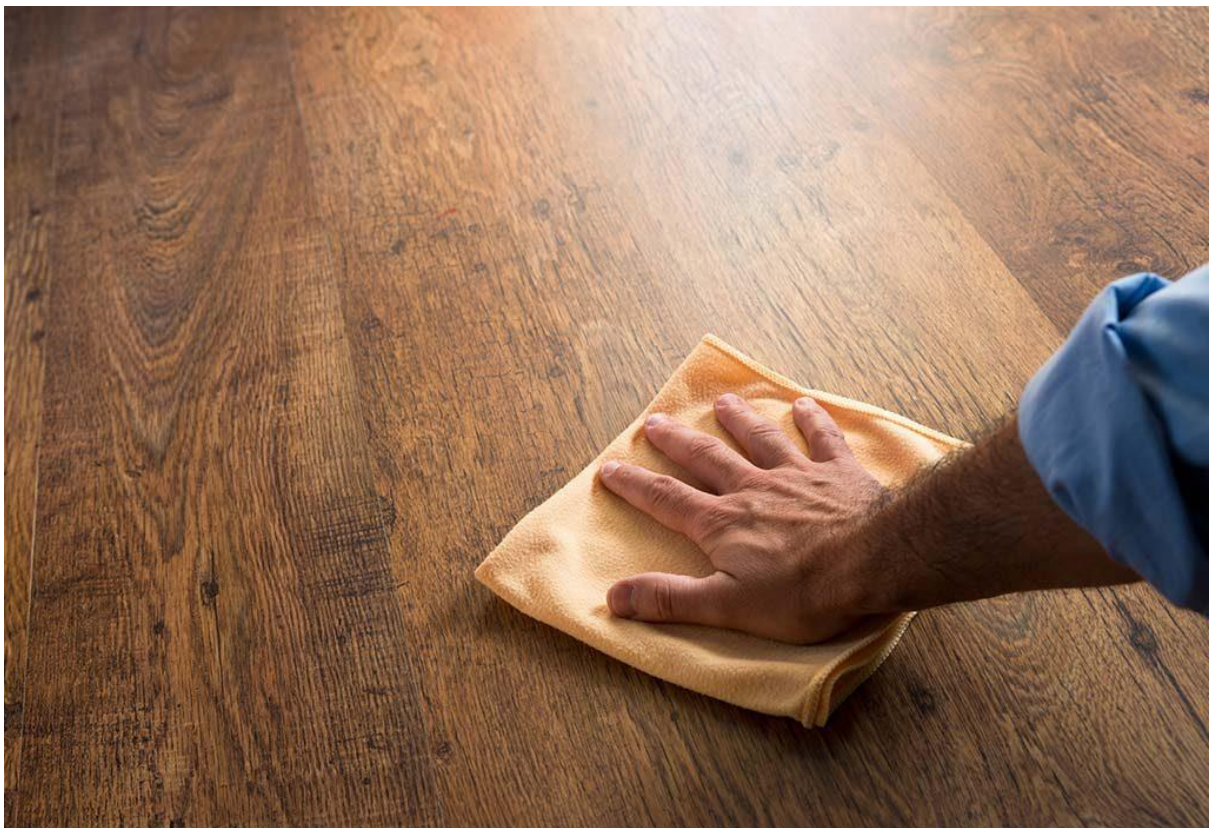
Apply with a soft cloth and buff with a clean cloth.

### **Step 3: Remove Sticky Spots**

Sticky spots may need to be treated with soap and water. To do this, dip a lint-free cloth in mild soap or detergent dissolved in water, wring the cloth nearly dry, and wipe the area. Rinse and immediately dry with a clean, soft cloth.

## How to Apply Furniture Paste Wax

Typically during manufacture, varnish, polyurethane, or shellac is applied to wood to protect the surface. Applying wax or polish protects the manufacturer's finish and helps to reduce surface scratches. Wax provides a hard finish and long-lasting protection, doesn't smear, and is more durable than sprays or polishes.



Wax needs to be applied to furniture correctly, or it can cause streaks and a cloudy appearance. To properly apply furniture wax (\$7, The Home Depot) to restore shine in your wood furnishings, remember to always apply wax in light coats, rubbing into the surface with the grain.

### **Step 1: Prepare Wax**



Put a spoonful of wood furniture wax, about the size of a golf ball, in a square of 100% cotton fabric. Wrap the fabric around the wax ball and knead it until soft.

### **Step 2: Wax and Wipe**

Rub the wax-saturated fabric on the surface of the furniture, one small area at a time, until the surface dulls. Wipe off the excess wax with a clean, soft cotton cloth. Repeat waxing and wiping until the entire piece of wood furniture is waxed. If you notice a streak, keep wiping to remove excess wax.

### **Step 3: Polish and Buff**

Polish wood furniture with a soft cloth or lamb's-wool pad attached to an electric drill or power buffer. If the wax smears, wipe with a soft cloth and continue buffing.

### **Step 4: Repeat and Maintain**

For a deep shine, apply a second coat of wax in the same manner. To maintain waxed furniture, dust with a lamb's-wool duster. Never use liquid or aerosol furniture polishes because they can dissolve the wax and leave a hazy film.

## **How to Clean Old Wood Furniture**

If you have an older piece of fine wood furniture or a delicate family heirloom, you'll likely want to treat it a little more carefully. This three-step cleaning and care routine is the best way to clean old wood furniture over time.



### **Step 1: Clean Every Year**

Clean furniture approximately every year with oil soap diluted according to product label instructions. Apply with a clean cotton cloth and work with the grain per the product directions.

### **Step 2: Restore and Restain**

Restore as needed, especially from sun fading, using a commercial finish restoring product (\$24, Walmart). Choose a shade closest to the wood stain you're working with and apply with #0000 steel wool (\$5, Walmart) to a small section at a time. Work with the grain of the wood and use light to moderate pressure. Immediately wipe clean with a lint-free cloth or cheesecloth.

### **Step 3: Condition Monthly**

Use an orange oil or wax-based conditioner (\$10, The Home Depot) monthly to prevent drying and cracking.

## **How to Deep-Clean Wood Furniture**

### **Step 1: Remove Grime and Dirt**

As a first step to removing layers of grime from old wood furniture, use an oil soap (Murphy Oil Soap Wood Cleaner, \$4, Target) and water. Rinse and dry well. If the finish still seems dirty, clean lightly with #0000 steel wool dipped in a cleaning product.

### **Step 2: Wax Furniture**

Apply clear paste wax following the steps outlined above.

## **How to Repair Surface Scratches on Wood Furniture**

Scratching is almost inevitable with wood furniture. Here's how to remove scratches from wood furniture.

### **Step 1: Wax Surface**

If the top of your piece is slightly scratched, apply paste wax or use a felt-tip touch-up pen to fill in.

### **Step 2: Treat Deep Scratches**

To fill deep scratches, use wood filler or a colored filler wax stick available at hardware and home improvement stores. Match the filler as closely as possible to the color of your piece and apply in several thin layers rather than in one thick layer.

## **Wood Furniture Care Tips**

Even the highest-quality wood furnishings can be susceptible to odors and kinks. Luckily, there are a few easy ways to care for your wood furniture.

- If a vintage piece has a lingering smell, air it outside on a warm, dry day. Shade from direct sunlight.
- Pour talcum powder or baking soda over the surface to absorb odors.
- Place a shallow pan of charcoal briquettes inside drawers.



## **IV. Wood Polishing: Types, Cost and Everything You Need to Know**

Wooden furniture pieces or installations are still in high demand because they are considered timeless classics. With regular use, wood tends to lose its natural shine. However, that doesn't mean that you can't refurbish your old wood and bring the old shine back; that's where wood polishing comes in.

### **1. What's Wood Polishing?**

Wood polishing is the simple process of polishing wood, as the name suggests. Now, there are different ways to polish wood. Wood polishing is done to ensure the shine stays on, the wood furniture pieces stand the test of time and look aesthetically beautiful.

### **2. How Do You Polish Wood?**

You can polish wood by applying the wood polishing liquid with a soft piece of cloth. Now, the process of polishing wood is different for bare wood and finished wood.

There are different products and methods to approach the two. Wood polishing can become a tedious task that requires the intervention of professionals. You wouldn't be entirely wrong to opt for a professional, unless you want to DIY it at home.

### 3. How to Apply Wood Polish?



Applying wood polish is easy for certain categories of wood. You can just apply the wood polish with a soft piece of cloth or microfiber.

Wood furniture polish is sometimes followed by rubbing the wood with a wet cloth; and then rubbing off the excess with a dry cloth. That's because you wouldn't want dust to stick on the polish and give your wooden furniture a rough look.

Approach each section one by one to ensure you're covering all fronts, while polishing wood. However, as mentioned above, wood polishing requirements vary depending on the type of wood it is – bare or finished, and the type of furniture, installation or wall in question.

### 4. Types of Wood Polishing



Wood polishes are of many types. We can categorise them into two broad categories. The first is surface polish, where the polish stays on the surface and provides a thick layer of protection. While the second is penetrating polish, which penetrates the wooden surface and is absorbed inside.

Below, we've discussed some of them to give you a fair idea about what's what and help you choose the best wood polish for you:

#### **i. Water-Based Wood Polish**

Suitable to be used for all types of wood – stained, painted or bare, water-based wood polish gives your wooden items a clear coat of polish. Unlike oil-based polishes, it ensures that your wooden pieces don't become yellow in the long-run.

#### **ii. Lacquer Wood Polish**



One of the best wood polishes, preferred for the glossy shine it brings on, lacquer wood polish is perfect for giving your wooden pieces a rich and luxurious look.

The method of application is simple: spray it on the piece of wood and watch it dry up in minutes. However, as the finish might emit fumes, it's not a great idea to use it in a closed environment with children around. We suggest airing out your interiors, or doing this in the open.

### **iii. Varnish Wood Polish**

Useful for bare and stained wooden items, varnish wood polish is available in many sheens, but can only be applied to wet areas.

### **iv. Shellac Wood Polish**

Available in many wood polishing colours, shellac wood polish is known for its durability and hard finish. It's often used as a stain remover and sealer.

### **v. PU Wood Polish**



Considered the best wood polish as it's perfect for all wooden surfaces and items, PU wood polish really takes the trophy with its hard finish, durability and sturdiness.

It's also resistant to moisture. While that's a big plus, it's not really made for the outdoors as it doesn't do very well under UV rays.

#### **vi. Oil-Based Wood Polish**

Oil-based wood polishes have a bad name in the market for giving your wooden surfaces a yellowish tinge. But, it's also quite popular. Wondering why?

That's because it's one of the most natural wood polishes, known for its luxurious shine and satin finish. It also does quite a good job of covering scratches and cuts on the wooden surfaces. It's one of the penetrating wood polishes. That's to say, it penetrates the surface and gets absorbed inside.

#### **vii. Wax-Based Wood Polish**

Another penetrating natural wood polish, wax-based wood polishes can be procured as a liquid as well as a paste. Wax-based polishes are mainly plant-based. In certain cases, they can be derived from animals as well.

#### **viii. Melamine Wood Polish**

A closed pore polishes, meaning, it makes the wood non-breathable and hence protected from cold and hot surfaces placed above it, melamine wood polish is great for usage in kitchens.

## 5. Guidelines You Need to Follow for Wood Polishing



- Consider the Furniture Type: Know what type of wood you're dealing with and whether it needs a surface polishing agent or a penetrating polishing agent
- Clean the Surface: Don't begin wood polishing unless you've thoroughly cleaned the surface and got rid of all the dirt and grime
- Fill the Cracks & Cuts: Use an oil-based or wax-based wood polish to fill the cracks and cuts

## 6. Cost of Wood Polishes

The cost of wood polishing prices is difficult to predict. Wood polishing prices are subject to vary depending on availability and numerous other factors. Here's a look at some of the wood polish prices:

Type of Wood Polish	Wood Polish Price Per Sq. Ft. *
Water-Based Wood Polish	₹30 – ₹50 per sft
PU Wood Polish	₹250 – ₹400 per sft
Melamine Wood Polish	₹110 – ₹150 per sft
Oil-Based Wood Polish	₹80 – ₹120 per sft



## V. The Power of Olive Oil: Polishing Furniture and Beyond

For homeowners who cook on a regular basis, it is more than likely that you will have at least one bottle of olive oil. This neutral and staple oil can be used for several jobs.

However, its uses are not limited to just the kitchen, as you can use it for other things. In fact, there are so many exceptional ways of using olive oil that you will always want to keep a small bottle of olive oil nearby. This small bottle can be part of your cleaning supplies as well.



You also have the option of getting a regular and cheap bottle of olive oil if you are looking to use it for cleaning your living space. According to experts who do budget end of lease cleaning in Sydney, you cannot use olive oil to clean just any surface. Only a few surfaces can be cleaned with olive oil.

In this article, we will learn about the power of olive oil and understand how you can use it to clean your home. It will help you achieve the best cleaning results.

### 1. Polish Wood Furniture

Olive oil is a perfect alternative to beeswax as it proves to be an excellent and natural wood furniture polish. Begin with dusting the furniture.

Next, apply a thin layer of olive oil using a clean rag. Ensure any excess oil has been rubbed off and repeat as required to confirm that the wood is protected, moisturised, and shiny. It is worth noting that if your wood furniture is coated or painted with a thick sealant is unlikely to effectively absorb the olive oil. There is also the option of using a mixture of white vinegar and olive oil.

- Mix equal parts of both these ingredients in a bowl.
- Dip a soft cloth in this cleaner and squeeze out the excessive liquid.
- Rub the cloth onto your furniture and do so by following the direction of the grain.
- Use a clean and dry cloth to buff the surface and get rid of remnants.

## 2. Shine Stainless Steel

A lot of the time, stainless steel might become a little dull, and you might not want to use toxic cleaning agents, fearing that they might damage the steel or negatively impact its appearance.



Moreover, professionals who do budget end of lease cleaning Sydney recommend refraining from being too aggressive with scrubbing if you would like to reduce the chances of scratches on the stainless steel fixtures. This is where using just a little bit of olive oil will be great.

Using too much is not recommended, and if there is excess, you will need to buff the surface to ensure there is no residue. Here is the procedure to follow:

- Moist a soft cloth with a little bit of olive oil.
- Use a circular motion to rub the cloth onto the surface.
- Keep buffing till the surface shines.
- Wipe away the excess oil with a clean and dry cloth.

### 3. Safeguard Your Garden Tools

According to the professionals who do cheap end of lease cleaning Sydney, you can also use olive oil to protect your garden tools. It is true that homeowners often forget about garden tools when it comes to household maintenance. But taking care of them will save you money and a lot of time in future. It is quite easy to clean and safeguard the tools' wood or metal portions.

Firstly, get rid of the excess dirt. Next, wipe a little bit of olive oil onto the surface and rub in by using a paper towel or cloth. You can repeat the procedure for wood or metal that requires additional care. Follow the procedure several times a year for maintenance.

### 4. Use Olive Oil for Conditioning Leather Furniture

It is considered that making use of olive oil on leather furniture will help repair the tiny scratches and restore colour. This is not just limited to furniture only, it also works on shoes as well. The procedure is similar to the one used for wooden furniture. You can just utilise straight olive oil.

Simply apply a tiny amount of oil onto a cloth and use a circular motion to rub it into the leather. It is best recommended to test it on an unnoticed area first and use a soft, clean cloth to buff the excess olive oil. According to professionals who do expert end of lease cleaning Sydney, this is the best method to condition leather furniture.

### 5. Get Paint off Your Skin

Finishing a home painting project is one of the most pleasant experiences. However, trying to get dried paint off your skin can be quite frustrating. Begin with using soap and warm water to scrub away the loose paint.

Next, apply a tiny amount of olive oil onto a soft cloth. Rub it on the paint until it is lifted from your skin. Additionally, if you apply makeup often, using olive oil to get it off can be a great option.



Many homeowners have been using olive oil for a lot of years now. However, only a few of them use it outside the kitchen. Understanding the power of olive oil is vital so that you can use it for several jobs.

## **VI. 10 Tips To Help Your Outdoor Furniture Last**

As the outdoor living trend continues, you might be focusing more attention on your patio furniture and accessories than those inside your home. Especially if you plan to spend a considerable amount on your outdoor furniture (or you already did), you'll want each piece to last more than just a couple of seasons.

We spoke with a handful of experts to get the best tips for extending the lifespan of your outdoor furniture.

### **1. Protect Your Furniture From the Sun**

Yes, patio furniture is meant for you to laze around on when it's sunny and hot. But just as you should cover yourself up with SPF or a big floppy hat to protect your skin from sunburn, you'll want to show some love for your outdoor furniture, too.

"The sun can cause your furniture to fade, crack or warp over time," says Bryan Clayton, Founder of GreenPal, an online platform that connects homeowners with lawn maintenance pros in their area. "To prevent this, you should cover your furniture with a UV-resistant fabric or a tarp when not in use."

## 2. Clean Your Furniture Regularly

It's not pleasant to eat a meal at a dirty patio table or lay out on a lounge chair that's been the recipient of "presents" from birds flying overhead. Aside from the ick factor, cleaning your outdoor furniture ensures it lasts longer.



"Generally, you should wipe down your furniture with a damp cloth or a mild soap solution at least once a month to remove dust, dirt, pollen or stains," says Clayton. "You can also use a soft brush or a vacuum to remove any debris from the crevices or cushions."

## 3. But Make Sure to Use the Right Cleaning Products

Clean outdoor furniture is the goal, but don't just grab any product and start scrubbing.

To avoid mishaps for your furniture, read cleaning product labels carefully before using, then clean a test spot on a hidden part of a chair or table first to see if there's any discoloration or other damage.

## 4. Wipe Up Food and Drink Spills Quickly

If you're enjoying drinks or a meal al fresco, don't leave any food or beverages behind. "Food and drinks can attract pests and lead to stains," says Kropovinsky. Spills should also be picked up promptly for the same reasons. You might consider keeping a cleaning rag and spray bottle of gentle cleanser nearby to make cleanup a breeze.

## 5. Dry Out Damp Cushions

Waterlogged cushions are uncomfortable to sit on at best and can be a breeding ground for mold and mildew at worst. If you have left them out in the rain, you'll want to dry them out as quickly as possible.

Lindsay Schleis, VP of Business Development at POLYWOOD, a furniture company, recommends simply tipping cushions on their side to drain away water—and being more diligent about putting them away for next time.



## 6. Secure Outdoor Furniture Before a Storm

Soggy cushions are nothing compared to what could happen to your furniture when the weather really kicks up. Responsible homeowners should always take down umbrellas and secure other outdoor furniture and objects that might cause injury or other property damage, should they take flight in extreme winds. Aside from the obvious safety precaution, it goes without saying that you won't be able to enjoy patio furniture that has been destroyed in a storm.

## CONCLUSION

When you follow such simple tips to take care of your wooden furniture, it is easier to keep your furniture pieces looking fresh, like new. Sticking to a regular cleaning and maintenance regime will help enhance the longevity of your furniture pieces.. With the right caring and maintenance routine, you will own solid wooden furniture that will last a lifetime.

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