

About us

Willetts Furniture is designed and handcrafted in the ambient setting of the historic precinct in Oamaru, New Zealand. Since the 1980's Willetts Furniture has built a strong reputation for producing top quality, handcrafted, guaranteed furniture.

Inherent to all Willetts pieces is the attention to detail and quality. Starting with the finest sustainably managed NZ native timbers and ending with beautiful finishes, which range from aged antique patina to slick modern clean presentation designed for today's busy lifestyles.

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Home Care Kit

for Willetts Furniture Beeswax Polish finishes



Makers of New Zealand's finest handcrafted furniture

Your kit contains:

- Willetts Beeswax Polish
- Green pad #1 *to prepare surface*
- Green pad #2 *to apply wax*
- White pad #3 *to buff and shine*
- Super fine steel wool #4 *to reduce polish*

Every day care:

Wipe down with a damp cloth, and buff with a soft lint-free cloth in the direction of the grain.

Long term maintenance:

- General marks can be removed using a green pad or given a light rub with super fine steel wool, and finished off by buffing with a white pad.
- Spills should be wiped off with a cloth and the surface buffed with a white pad.
- Only use Willetts beeswax polish or other good quality beeswax polish. Do not use commercial products or oils on waxed items.
- Re-polishing is required as follows:
 - High use surfaces (tops, around handles etc) – generally once a year or when the surface will no longer shine by buffing.
 - Low use surfaces – generally 3-5 yrs or when the surface will no longer shine by buffing.

Instructions for re-polishing:

Applying the polish

1. Wipe the surface with a green pad (#1) to remove any surface marks.
2. Wipe the second green pad (#2) lightly over the open tin of polish so a small even smear of polish transfers to the pad.
3. Gently wipe the pad over the surface of your furniture, **always moving with the grain of the timber**. You will notice some areas are shining while others appear dull and flat. The dull, flat areas are where the polish hasn't taken.
4. Gently repeat the process in points 2 and 3 above, over these dull, flat areas until they disappear and until the polish is evenly spread.
5. Using the white pad (#3) buff the surface vigorously **with the grain of the timber** to achieve a sheen, and identify any remaining dull patches.
6. Continue to repeat points 2, 3 and 5 above on the dull, flat areas, until the whole surface looks even.
7. Using a soft lint-free cloth buff **with the grain of the timber**.
8. Congratulations! You have now successfully re-polished your furniture.

If you find that the surface marks easily you will have applied too much polish. To correct this:

1. Buff the surface gently and evenly with the super fine steel wool (#4), **buffing with the grain of the timber and carefully avoiding the edges**.
2. Check the steel wool for a silvery wax residue, which indicates the wax is being reduced.
3. Brush off the wax residue and repeat points 1 and 2 until fingermarks reduce to an acceptable level.
4. Buff with either the white pad and/or a soft lint-free cloth.