

## DuraWax™ Care & Cleaning Instructions

Waxed Canvas material has special care and cleaning instructions. Be sure to read these instructions thoroughly prior to cleaning your waxed canvas item. The wax coating on the canvas prevents dirt and most stains from penetrating the fabric. Dirt, dust and mud can be brushed away with a soft-bristle brush or wiped away with a slightly damp towel.

### To Remove Dirt, Mud & Dust:

- Use a soft-bristle brush to gently buff away any dried mud and dirt stains. If this is ineffective, you can use water and a gentle soap (like castile soap) to gently clean the affected area. You can also clean DuraWax fabric with Otter Wax Waxed Canvas Spot Cleaner and Tampico Cleaning Brush. Make sure all soap residue has been removed from the fabric, but do not soak the fabric or put it in the washing machine.
- After cleaning and after the fabric is thoroughly dry, use a lint roller or lint brush to remove lint and other small particles before applying the wax. Do not dry the fabric in the dryer or use a hair dryer to speed up the drying process.

### To Remove Oil Stains:

- 1. Oil should bead up on the surface of waxed canvas due to the material's wax coating. You can easily blot or wipe away oil stains. If the wax coating on your canvas has worn away and oil has seeped through and penetrated the canvas, apply cornstarch or a similarly absorbent substance to the affected area. Leave the cornstarch on for up to 48 hours. Remove the cornstarch with a stiff brush. You may need to repeat this process depending on how much oil was spilled and how deeply it penetrated the canvas.
- 2. After the oil has been absorbed from the canvas, wash the area with water and a gentle soap (like castile soap). You can also clean DuraWax fabric with Otter Wax Waxed Canvas Spot Cleaner and Tampico Cleaning Brush. Make sure all soap residue has been removed from the fabric, but do not soak the fabric or put it in the washing machine.
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### Re-Treating Your Waxed Canvas

After cleaning waxed canvas, it is necessary to re-wax the fabric to restore the canvas's water- and stain-resistant properties.

- 1. Use a bar of Otter Wax Heavy Duty Fabric Wax and rub it in smooth, regular strokes across the fabric. The pressure you apply and the rubbing motion will warm up the wax, making it easy to spread. If your project is a combination of waxed canvas and other materials (leather, faux leather, upholstery fabric, etc.) pay careful attention to only rub the wax bar on the waxed canvas material.
- 2. After rubbing the bar of wax thoroughly over the canvas's surface, use your fingers to work the wax into the canvas. You can also use the Otter Wax Wax Smoothing Tool to press the wax into the canvas. This is an important step, so take your time to ensure that the wax penetrates the canvas. Next, use a hair dryer on the "heat" setting to reheat the wax so it coats the fabric evenly and smoothly.
- 3. Once you're satisfied with your waxing process, hang the item in a warm, dry location to cure, preferably in sunlight. Allow the item to cure for 24 to 48 hours.



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