



The following guide is to be used as a tool to aid in the upkeep of your sofa and upholstered furniture.

HOW TO PLUMP A RAFT SOFA

Raft sofas are handmade by us in London. Plush, feather interiors surround the highest grade foam core, making our sofas exude a unique comfort and style. However, like all quality products, our sofas require a little care to get the most out of them.

Just as cashmere and silk demand delicate hand washing; fine wines thrive at certain temperatures and positioned in a specific way; suede should avoid direct sunlight... a high-quality sofa requires regular plumping and in return, promises timelessness.

1. UNZIP

Firstly, it's incredibly important to unzip your cushion case. Without unzipping the case of your cushion, there is nowhere for the air to go when you plump it. This is even more important when you're dealing with a leather sofa.

2. PLUMP

Bounce the unzipped cushion on a hard surface (such as the floor) on all four edges. Don't bash the cushion on the front or back as the aim is to create more air in the centre of the cushion and allow the feathers to create depth in the seat.

3. REZIP

After you've plumped your pillows and redistributed the air and feathers, re-zip the cushion case. The interiors are incredibly generous so you'll have to slightly push them back in order to close the zip..

4. REPEAT

Repeat with each seat and back cushion, as well as the scatters. Repeat this process as necessary or whenever you're hosting and want people wow-ing at your "brand new" sofas!

WHAT MAKES RAFT LEATHER THE BEST QUALITY?

Raft leathers are made from high quality, full-grain European sourced hides. Full-grain means our hides have not been sanded, buffed, or snuffed to remove imperfections or natural marks on the surface of the hide. The grain remains allowing the fibre strength and durability. The grain also has breathability, resulting in less moisture from prolonged contact. Rather than wearing out, it will develop a patina overtime, ageing with grace and beauty.

Raft offers leathers in semi and full aniline. There is a small difference between our full grain aniline and semi-aniline hides. Aniline hides are not coated allowing the natural markings to remain visible, it also enables the leather to 'breathe' easily and is comfortable in both hot and cold environments. Our semi-aniline hides are coated with only a very fine layer. This style is for those who want a leather that ages naturally but without marking.

HOW TO CLEAN A LEATHER SOFA

Leather sofas are low maintenance and generally don't need specialist cleaning, however you will need to dust and keep the leather free from dirt as this will act as an abrasive and cause the leather to wear more quickly. Keep your unit away from direct sunlight to prevent the natural colour fading over time.

Do not use detergents or strong household cleaning products on your leather sofa. Always protect from sharp objects. To remove light scratches and grime just use a slightly wet cloth, not rubbing too hard. Spills including oil spills should be mopped up with an absorbent cloth and allowed to dry - the marks will eventually be absorbed by the leather over time.



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HOW TO CLEAN A FABRIC SOFA

We have a large selection of high quality fabrics from stain-resistant velvet to linen, chenilles, viscose and cotton mixes to jacquard weaves. We do not recommend spot cleaning your fabric sofa with heavy detergents as these generally make the blemish worse. For best results we recommend all fabrics should be dry cleaned by a specialist in the cleaning of upholstery and curtain fabrics.

Regular vacuuming and turning of cushions can prolong the life of covers and reduce the need for cleaning.
Golden rule: You should never vacuum the front border of the cushions of your sofa if they have feathers in them. The reason for this is that it will pull the feather through the cambric. Yes, the frame can be gently vacuumed if necessary but when it comes to the cushions, it's a

different story. If a sofa is only feather and down and it doesn't have a foam core up to the front edge of the sofa, never run a powerful vacuum cleaner over it. *Make sure your vacuum has a very low setting or you can vacuum by pulling the pretty case away from the interior feathers or avoid it altogether.*

HOW TO CLEAN STAIN-RESISTANT VELVET

To spot clean our Italian stain-resistant velvets, we recommend catching the spillage as soon as it happens. Use a lightly damp cloth or, preferably, a furniture and upholstery wipe.