

Fabric Care and Maintenance Guidelines

Proper care is essential for extending the life and maintaining the appearance of various upholstery fabrics. Always clean according to the fabric's designated Cleaning Code (W, S, SW, P, X). Using an incorrect cleaning method or agent may result in permanent damage.

General Fabric Maintenance

- **Rotate Cushions:** Regularly rotate cushions to promote even wear.
- **Fluff Cushions and Pillows:** Fluffing helps maintain comfort and appearance.
- **Periodic Inspection:** Regularly inspect upholstery for loose seams, fraying, or signs of wear.
- **Address issues promptly** to extend the life of the fabric and preserve its aesthetic quality.

Vacuum Regularly

- Vacuum or lightly brush upholstery at least once per week to remove dust, debris, and allergens.
- Use an upholstery attachment or a soft, non-metallic bristle brush.
- Pay special attention to seams, corners, and beneath cushions, where dirt can settle deeply into the fabric.

General Fabric Spot Cleaning

- **General Spills:** Blot immediately with a clean, dry white cloth. Do not rub.
- **Stubborn Stains or Grease:** Gently blot using a cleaning agent appropriate to the fabric's cleaning code. Avoid pushing the spill further into the fabric.
- Spot cleaning is recommended for small stains only.
- For large stains or overall soiling, contact a professional upholstery cleaner.

Fabric Cleaning Codes

Cleaning Code W

- Water-Based Cleaners Only
- Blot spills immediately with a clean, dry cloth.
- For stubborn stains, gently blot using a water based upholstery shampoo or mild detergent mixed with water.
- Always pre-test the cleaning agent in an inconspicuous area for colorfastness. - Use sparingly; excess moisture may spread stains.

Cleaning Code S

- Solvent-Based Cleaners Only - Water can damage fabrics with this code.
- Blot spills immediately with a clean, dry cloth.
- For stubborn stains, use a solvent-based upholstery cleaner only.
- Pre-test in an inconspicuous area and use in a well-ventilated space, away from open flames.

Cleaning Code SW/WS

- Water or Solvent. Fabrics may be cleaned with either water-based or solvent-based upholstery cleaners. Follow the precautions listed above for each method.

Cleaning Code P

- Professional Cleaning Only - Do not use water or solvent cleaners.
- Routine vacuuming and professional service are the only recommended care.

Cleaning Code X

- No Cleaners
- Vacuum or lightly brush only. Water-based or solvent-based cleaning agents may cause excessive shrinkage and/or discoloration. Deep Cleaning
- Depending on usage, professional upholstery cleaning is recommended every 6–12 months.
- Approved professional methods may include hot water extraction or steam cleaning, only if compatible with the fabric's cleaning code.
- Improper deep-cleaning methods may cause irreversible damage.

Cleaning Code BC

- Not all Jamie Stern fabrics are bleach cleanable.
- Please refer to fabric's spec sheet on our website to confirm whether it lists Cleaning Code: BC, indicating it is bleach-cleanable.

Velvet Fabric Care and Maintenance

Jamie Stern velvets are luxurious, durable, and designed to age beautifully. Pile marking or crushing is normal and usually recovers naturally. Gentle brushing or light steaming can restore the nap.

Everyday Care

- Remove Debris: Vacuum with a brush attachment or use a soft, non-metallic brush.
- Follow the Nap: Always brush or vacuum in the direction of the nap using light pressure.

Quick Spot Cleaning

- Blot spills immediately with a dry cloth, rubbing gently in one direction.
- Restore texture: Lightly vacuum along the nap after blotting.

Technique: Blot or gently rub in the direction of the nap, then blot dry. Once dry, brush lightly. For persistent stains, call a professional upholstery cleaner.

Avoid

- Household cleaners and harsh chemicals: bleach, vinegar, ammonia, citrus based products will damage the fabrics.
- Do not use metal or abrasive brushes.

Tough Stains

Cleaning Code S

- Use a small amount of solvent-based upholstery cleaner on a clean white cloth.

Cleaning Code W

- Use a water-based upholstery shampoo or a mild detergent mixed with water.

Cleaning Code WS

- Use mild soap & water or a solvent-based cleaner on a clean white cloth.

Cleaning Code P

- Professional cleaning only.

Cleaning Code X

- No cleaners—vacuum or lightly brush only.

Vinyl & PU Care and Maintenance

Proper care extends the life and appearance of vinyl and PU-coated fabrics. Always follow the fabric's designated Cleaning Code (W, S, SW) to avoid damage.

General Maintenance

- Rotate cushions regularly to promote even wear.
- Inspect upholstery periodically for loose seams, fraying, or signs of wear. Address any issues promptly to preserve both function and appearance.

Vacuuming & Dust Removal

- Vacuum or lightly brush fabrics weekly to remove dust, dirt, and allergens.
- Use an upholstery attachment or a soft, non-metallic bristle brush.
- Focus on seams, corners, and areas beneath cushions where debris can accumulate.

Spot Cleaning & Stain Removal

Act Quickly: Blot spills immediately with a clean, dry, white cloth. Do not rub, as this can spread the stain.

Cleaning Code W or SW

- Light Stains: Wipe with mild soap and water, then rinse and dry with a clean cloth.
- Stubborn Stains, Grease, or Oil: Apply a small amount of Fantastik® or Formula 409® to a clean white cloth and blot from the outside edge toward the center. Refresh the cloth frequently.

Important: Spot clean only small areas; for large stains or overall soiling, professional cleaning is recommended. Always pre-test any cleaner on a hidden area first.

Cleaning Code BC: Bleach Cleaning Guidelines for Vinyl and PU

- Not all Jamie Stern vinyls and PUs are cleanable with bleach.
- Please refer to the fabric ticket, website, or spec sheet to confirm if a specific vinyl or PU is bleach cleanable and the recommended bleach dilution. usually 10:1 (water to bleach).
- Be sure to spot test on an inconspicuous area prior to treatment
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove residual bleach

Tips for Longevity

- Clean spills promptly for best results.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight or heat.
- Do not use abrasive tools, strong solvents, or high-heat methods, as they can damage vinyl and PU surfaces.

Final Note

By following these cleaning and maintenance guidelines—and adhering strictly to industry-standard cleaning codes—you can help ensure the longevity, durability, and visual integrity of upholstery fabrics. Routine care plays a critical role in preserving both performance and appearance.