

# ASHER ISRAELOW

## ASHER ISRAELOW STUDIO - FURNITURE CARE INSTRUCTIONS

### WOOD

All wooden surfaces from Asher Israelow Studio are treated with a hand-rubbed hard oil finish. The seal will protect the furniture against stains and water, but will not protect against hot or abrasive objects. To prevent damage, be sure to use trivets and coasters and wipe up spills promptly. Excessive heat, direct sunlight and dramatic changes in climate should be avoided when possible.

To clean wooden surfaces, a slightly damp, soft cloth should be used. For a deeper clean, a mild solution of vinegar and water can be applied with a soft cloth. Commercial cleaning products should be avoided as they will cause the finish to dull over time.

To refinish wood, first clean the surface thoroughly with a mixture of ¼ cup ammonia and a quart of warm water. Let the surface dry for about 6 hours before oiling. The wood can be finished with any nut oil product (such as walnut oil) or a boiled linseed oil. Avoid raw linseed oil or tung oil unless they are thinned with ¾ solvent to ¼ oil solution and thoroughly wiped off.

### BRASS

Brass will naturally patina with age and begin to develop a beautiful brown or grey / green hue. If desired, a brass-polishing compound applied with a cloth will remove the patina and restore the brass to its original shine.

For brass inlay, brass polishing is not recommended as it may stain the wood. Clean the inlay the same way that you would clean wooden surfaces. To brighten brass inlay, the tabletop should be refinished.

### LEATHER

Leather is a natural material that will develop a patina as it ages, making it even more beautiful over time. To slow the aging process, avoid exposure to direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Do not place leather next to radiators or air conditioners.

Keep the leather free of dust and occasionally wipe the leather with a slightly damp cloth. For minor spots or spills, blot any excess liquid as soon as possible with a clean, absorbent sponge or cloth. If necessary, use a soft cloth that has been lightly dampened with lukewarm water and let the leather air dry naturally. Avoid using soap or detergent no matter how mild as it may further damage the leather. To refresh the material and to further protect it, a leather conditioner may be used as per the product instructions. For more serious stains, professional cleaning may be necessary.