

## **Hand-Carved Solid Wood Furniture Care**





## Thank you for your purchase!

We hope you enjoy your furniture item as much as we enjoyed creating it for you! Many customers ask if these fine, hand-carved replicas will endure for generations. The answer is yes, but only with the proper care. The following recommendations are offered to help ensure that your furniture purchases provide you with years of enjoyment.

## The Characteristic Beauty of Wood

Wood is by nature hygroscopic, meaning that the wood will adjust its own moisture content to the relative humidity within its environment. Wood is in a constant state of dimensional change. When wood absorbs moisture, it swells (e.g., sticky drawers), and when it gives off moisture, it shrinks, often causing cracking and splitting. Therefore it is important to keep wood furniture (especially solid wood furniture) at a constant level of humidity year-round.

## **Protect Your Furniture Investment**

- Do not place your furniture in direct sunlight and/or in a damp area.
- Arrange your furniture so it is not placed near heating or air conditioning vents.
- Avoid placing furniture directly under windows.
- Be careful not to place plastic materials on your furniture. Certain plastics have elements that may react with and damage the finish.
- Occasionally rotate accessories so they do not remain in the same spot for extended periods of time.
- Avoid creating marks on your furniture by placing a piece of felt, cloth or leather under accessories.
- Lift objects directly up rather than dragging items across the finish of your furniture.
- Use a protective pad when using your furniture as a writing surface.

- Wipe up spills promptly. Water left over a prolonged period of time will cause white spots in the finish.
- Dust frequently with a clean, dry, lint-free cloth. To remove accumulated dust or furniture wax build-up, use a soft cloth dampened in a solution of mild detergent and warm water. Dry thoroughly using a clean cloth and then apply furniture polish, wiping it in the direction of the wood grain.
- We recommend that furniture be polished every six months.
- Wood finishes will change in appearance as they are used. Slight variations in appearance and the fit of joints and seams will result from the normal expansion and contraction of wood as it responds to climatic changes in the home.

Please remember, a little maintenance and care will keep your furniture investments beautiful for years to come.