

Upholstery Instructions for Velvet

Position of the pile

Velvets are woven in two ways: with an upright pile and a directional pile.

With a directional pile in uni- or patterned velvet, reference is made to the nap.

The nap

The direction of the nap is determined as follows:

- > with uni-velvets, run your hand back and forth across the pile surface; the smooth direction indicates the direction of the nap;
- > with patterned velvets, the largest uni-colored area within the pattern indicates the direction of the nap.

Velvets with a nap should be upholstered as follows:

- > on the back, seat, and side surfaces, with the nap directed downwards;
- > on arm rests, with the nap directed from the outside in.

Optimally a piece of furniture should be upholstered using fabric from the same roll. Problems with the direction of the nap are thus avoided.

The nap on a turnover cushion is always problematic!

The nap on the bottom of the cushion is opposite to the nap on the top. When in use and the cushion is flipped, the nap will run in the wrong direction: upwards rather than downwards.

Protective fabric layer

To minimize the wear and tear of velvet, a layer of synthetic or cotton wadding should be placed between the foam and the fabric. We advise:

- > vertical pile: foam (HR-foam/cold foam) + synthetic or cotton wadding + cotton slipcover;
- > horizontal pile: foam (HR-foam/cold foam) + synthetic or cotton wadding.

White versus gray wadding. Gray cotton wadding is made out of remnants of (colored) cotton. Moisture, such as water used during cleaning, may cause the wadding to bleed, leaving visible marks on the surface of the fabric.

With arm rests, do not upholster directly onto pre-formed synthetic surfaces. Use synthetic or cotton wadding as a protective layer. This helps to eliminate any sharp edges, which are vulnerable to wear and tear.

Ensure that upholstered velvets always have a soft under layer.

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Piping

Use only cotton piping cord, not synthetic. This will ensure there are no sharp edges, which are vulnerable to wear and tear.

Always use the length of the fabric to make the piping! This ensures the best results and is less susceptible to wear and tear.

Note: To protect velvets from wear and tear, the fabric should be cleaned regularly. Please see 'How to maintain and clean mohair velvets and upholstery cover fabrics.'

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