

# INTERIOR FELT

## A QUICK GUIDE TO 100% WOOL

### Felt Maintenance



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#### **About Felt**

Felt is one of the oldest nonwoven textiles. Traditionally made from sheep wool, felt can also be made from synthetics or a blend of both. Interior Felt Designer Felt is made from 100% sheep wool, making it a renewable, recyclable and biodegradable material. Felt is a natural air cleaner, absorbing contaminants in the atmosphere. Wool fibers are also resistant to water, mold and mildew. Plus, they have a low degree of dry soil pick-up compared to other fibers. All of these qualities amount to an exceptionally low-maintenance material.

#### **Nature's Super Fiber**

As a natural fiber, wool felt does a lot of its own cleaning and maintenance. Keratin, the protein found in wool fibers, is responsible for breaking down odor-forming bacteria. Lanolin, the natural oil coating on the wool fibers, helps felt resist mold and mildew. This coating also gives wool its water repellency, making it a semi-impermeable surface that wicks away liquids without the need for any added treatment.

#### **Maintenance and Cleaning**

To remove any accumulation of airborne particles, Interior Felt products can be occasionally vacuumed with an upholstery brush, brushed by hand or with a lint brush or roller. When dusting, it is normal to encounter a slight shedding of fibers. These loosened fibers are not a sign of any defect and will decrease over time.

Wet spills should be blotted up as soon as possible with a dry cloth. All wool fibers have a naturally-occurring fatty coating called lanolin. This substance makes wool water-repellent and provides inherent stain resistance. Felt is not waterproof, but its inherent resistance to liquids creates some delay time before spills soak through and cause a stain.

Other wet spills may be spot cleaned with warm water or a mild dry-cleaning solvent. Clean soiled areas gingerly to avoid warping the felted surface.

#### **Helpful Tips:**

- We strongly recommend testing any cleaning method on spare material or less visible areas first.
- In addition to occasional dusting, felt products may need to be vacuumed once per year.
- If stains cannot be removed with spot cleaning, we recommend seeking professional dry cleaning services that have experience with wool.

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