





Care & Cleaning Guide



Prolong the Beauty of Your New Cabinetry


CliqStudios cabinets, KCMA tested and certified, feature all-wood construction and a top-quality multi-step factory finish. Follow the simple care guidelines below to maintain the beauty of your cabinetry for years of everyday use.


 **Pre-Installation**
After delivery, store cabinets in a space with 40 to 50 percent relative humidity. Humidity above 70 percent or below 20 percent is likely to cause problems. If stored in a garage, basement or other space where humidity and temperature differ from the room where the cabinets will be installed, allow 1-2 days for cabinets to acclimate to their final environment before installation.

 **Post-Installation**
Immediately after your cabinets are installed, the area will be dusty and littered with debris. Being careful not to scratch the finish, wipe down all exteriors and interiors with a lint-free damp cloth. Work a small area at a time, rinsing the cloth frequently and thoroughly. Using a second cloth, dry each clean area immediately.

Recommended Care

With just minutes a day - a few hours a year - of care, and common precautions, the finish on your cabinets will remain beautiful through years of normal use, as promised in the CliqStudios.com Limited Lifetime warranty.

 **Daily Care**
Timely maintenance is the key to long-term beauty of your cabinet finish. Wipe and clean up spills, drips and grease immediately. Prolonged exposure to food, water or other liquids can cause permanent discoloration or damage. Remove oil, grease or general soil with a soft lint-free cloth and a mild cleaner such as Ivory® soap diluted with warm water. (Avoid using your dishcloth to clean or dry cabinet exteriors, since it may contain remnants of detergents and grease.) Dust cabinets frequently with a slightly dampened, lint-free cloth. Don't use packaged dusting sheets, pre-moistened dusting sheets or aerosol dusting products.

 **Long Term Care**
Thoroughly clean cabinet exteriors one or two times a year, more under heavy use. Work one small area at a time, using a damp lint-free cloth, rinsing frequently and drying each area immediately after cleaning.



Stain Finish

Use a mild wood cleaner such as original Murphy® Oil Soap diluted with warm water.



Paint Finish

Only use a mild cleaner such as Ivory® Soap diluted with warm water.



Caution | Warning

Please read the following page for additional information on specific products, cleaning techniques and situations to avoid when cleaning and maintaining CliqStudios cabinetry.



Caution | Do Not Use

Many products marketed for cleaning wood should never be used on the CliqStudios heat-cured factory finish. Following are products and items that will harm your cabinet finish.



Cleaning

Do not use powdered cleansers or spray, liquid or paste polishes containing silicone, petroleum solvents, citrus cleaners or wax. Never use scouring pads, melamine foam (Magic Eraser) sponges or steel wool to clean cabinets. These harsh abrasives and chemicals will harm the stain or paint finish and may result in discoloration.

Agents

Wax

Waxing is not recommended. Over time, waxing and polishing compounds will build up on the surface of cabinets and cause a hazy, streaky or yellowed appearance. Wax build up is difficult to remove and will attract dust.

Environment

Exposure to sun, moisture and cooking smoke, ventilation, your cooking style and the location of your home may all affect the color of your cabinetry finish over time.



Moisture

Keep cabinets dry and kitchen and bath areas well ventilated. Do not hang wet dish towels over cabinet doors. Frequent exposure to excessive humidity in poorly vented kitchens and bathrooms is harmful to the cabinetry itself and the finish.



Light

Ultra violet (UV) light rays in sunlight will affect the appearance of your cabinets. CliqStudios applies UV inhibitors as part of the finishing process to protect the integrity of the finish but under exposure to UV the color may change depending on the finish, wood species and amount of exposure.



Smoke

Prolonged exposure to cooking smoke or tobacco smoke, particularly in non-vented or poorly vented kitchens, will discolor the cabinet finish. Painted finishes are especially susceptible to smoke discoloration.



Climate

Any wood product, including cabinetry, installed in a non-climate controlled building will be susceptible to damage from humidity. Indoor climate should be maintained year round in vacation homes as well as primary residences.



KCMA

Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association Certification Program certifies CliqStudios is manufacturing kitchen cabinets and/or bathroom vanity cabinets in conformance with the American National Standard ANSI/KCMA A161.1-2012, Performance and Construction Standard for Kitchen and Vanity Cabinets. The cabinet finish is tested up to 120° F and 70% relative humidity for 24 hours. After this test the finish must show no appreciable discoloration and no evidence of blistering, checks, or other film failures. A cabinet door is placed in a hotbox at 120° F and 70% relative humidity for one hour, removed and allowed to return to room temperature and humidity conditions, and then placed in a cold box for one hour at -5° F. The cycle is repeated five times. The finish must then show no appreciable discoloration and no evidence of blistering, cold checking or other film failure.

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