

Your Cole & Co. quality vanity is a significant investment expected to last for generations. To maintain its beauty and help it last, wood furniture needs the right care. Cole + Co. products are finished with two to three coats of lacquer for extra depth and long-lasting durability. No finish is totally indestructible, but with regular care, the finish will last much longer, providing years of enjoyment.

TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOUR VANITY, WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING:

We recommend dusting your vanity frequently with a clean, soft, dry, lint-free cloth, as well as polishing approximately every six months. Clean the surface by rubbing in the direction of the grain.

Avoid extreme changes in temperature by placing pieces away from radiators, heat and air vents.

Clean up excess water and spills immediately. Use a blotting rather than a wiping action.

Water left over a long period of time will cause white spots in the finish.

Alcohol, perfume, after-shave and medications can also cause severe finish damage.

TYPES OF FURNITURE CARE PRODUCTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are three basic types of furniture care products: silicone cleaners, waxes and polishes. We recommend avoiding silicone cleaners and waxes. While silicone cleaners create a high degree of shine, silicone seeps into even the highest-quality finishes, creating a barrier that will not accept stain or lacquer. This makes it virtually impossible to re-finish or touch-up your furniture.

For the Designer Series vanities, waxes should be avoided because their regular use may result in a build-up of wax film on the surface of the furniture. This build-up could actually attract dirt, smoke and other pollutants in the air, resulting in smudges and streaks. Also, many waxes contain grit that can permanently damage furniture surfaces if used improperly.

Polishes, which we recommend, contain detergents, emulsifiers and mineral oil. The detergents clean dirt from the furniture, the emulsifiers give it body to clean and last longer and the mineral oil is left behind as a barrier for dirt and moisture that could harm finishes.

For the Custom Collection vanities, wiping down the surface with a clean damp rag regularly combined with the occasional use of beeswax is appropriate. Beeswax is acceptable for the catalyzed lacquer (conversion varnish), which is much more durable than a typical piece of furniture's finish.

TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOUR NATURAL STONE VANITY TOP:

Clean stone surfaces with a few drops of neutral cleaner, stone soap or a mild liquid dishwashing detergent and warm water. Too much cleaner can leave a film or cause streaks. Do not use products that contain lemon, vinegar or other acids. Rinse the surface thoroughly after washing with the soap solution and dry with a soft cloth. Do not use scouring creams or powders, which contain abrasives and may scratch the surface.

We also recommend the application of a sealer on your vanity top.

Check with your installer for recommendations.