



## *Bronze Care Sheet*

### Finish Note:

Each original handcrafted bronze item has an applied finish, typically satin-brushed or non-directional matte. Other specialty finishes are available as well and may alter the care instructions. Although these finishes may change slightly with use and cleaning over time, bronze is very durable and will last forever. As with all metal furnishings, your item can be professionally refinished at any time.

### Scratches:

While, all metal items will scratch, these are merely usage scratches and will fade and blend in over time, adding to the aged look. We recommend a professional attend to any scratches on this material.

### Care and Cleaning:

Bronze items are affected by use. Like most metal items, careful cleaning preserves them best. We recommend that this item be cleaned regularly and gently with a damp, microfiber cloth.

We do not recommend a cleaning solution be used with this material. If a cleaning solution must be used, we recommend nothing stronger than a Dawn-style unscented dish soap. When in doubt of a cleaner's strength, it is always preferable to dilute the cleaner in water rather than use too strong a solution. Always avoid particularly acidic or strong cleaners, as well as excessive force. Use finesse and patience rather than elbow-grease.

You will require a microfiber cloth, available at any major grocery or appliance store. These cloths help to avoid scratching the metal by providing as smooth a surface as possible.

Each bronze item has a grain, which refers to the pattern of grooves in its surface. When cleaning, be sure to follow the grain of the metal finish as you rub the microfiber cloth over the metal. In the case of a matte (circular, often random-seeming grooves) or unclear grain on the finish, rub in broad, concentric circles. Otherwise, if the grain runs in long parallel lines in a single direction across the surface, follow these lines with the cloth as you wipe.

After cleaning, dry the shelves thoroughly. Quickly wiping the metal dry will help to avoid water marks.

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