

MIKSI

Product Care

LYING ON THE GROUND. LOOKING AT THE STARS.

Miksi works hand in hand with its materials. Source and craft combine in every rug, because we believe in celebrating natural beauty as much as bold design. Drawing on the planet's extraordinary palette of tones and fibres, Miksi counters the culture of disposability by making things which not only last but get better with time. Properly cared for, this is a rug that will become more beautiful with age.



1. RECEIVING YOUR RUG

Miksi cowhide leather rugs are delivered wrapped around a pole (with the hair facing out) to protect them from bending during shipping. Before removing the packaging, we recommend that you first position the rug in the room where it will be laid out.

If there are wider than 12', they will be folded in a box as couriers will not allow poles to be longer than this size. Miksi woven alpacas and fur rugs will be folded in a box.

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Do not use a knife or a sharp cutter to cut open the packaging. Use a pair of scissors with the sharp edge up so as not to cut the rug.

Lay the rug out flat on a clean floor when you first get it to release any creases it has sustained from being folded. The hide flattens out after a few days on its own. If the ends of the rug curl up, try rolling them in reverse while the rug settles or you can always put some heavy weight on them.

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Place the cowhide rug in a low-traffic area out of direct sunlight.

When moving furniture into position, be careful to lift pieces and place them carefully on the rug. Do not drag furniture over the rug as this may cause irreparable damage to the rug.

NATURAL VARIANCE, NATURAL BEAUTY

Creating a sustainable force for good is Miski's founding promise. While the raw materials for our rugs are crafted by nature, our woven alpaca rugs are made by hand - both reasons to expect variation in fiber and tone, even in our flatware models. Substance and ethos, in harmony.

2.MAINTAINING YOUR RUG

THE BASICS

Rotate your rug periodically, ideally every six months to a year. This will ensure the rug wears evenly and maintains a uniform appearance.

Avoid exposure to direct sunlight as it will fade the color of your rug: close shades when direct sunlight hits the rug.

Avoid placing your rug right at the entrance from outdoors. If you do, place a soil-removal mat over it to catch dirt from shoes, etc.

Miksi rugs are not meant for use in a bathroom or an area where they can get exposed to water; this exposure can harden the pelt or make it smell. After cleaning any liquid spills and drying it, powder and brush the hide to revitalize it. Lightly powder your rug before storing it in a dry area.

CLEANING

Brushing furs vigorously with a hard plastic brush is a good way of removing dirt and dust. This helps to keep the hair soft and fluffy. It also straightens the hair follicles and redistributes oils, leaving skins soft and glossy.

Vacuum softly. We recommend the use of suction vacuum cleaners only. We do not recommend beater bar vacuums, as they may damage the floor covering material.

Shedding typically occurs in most qualities, as short fibers or hairs come loose in the spinning process and will shed with normal wear and cleaning.

Dry Cleaning. You can also have your sheepskin, goat or rabbit skin professionally dry-cleaned using either white spirits or perchloroethylene (Not recommended for cowhide rugs). Do not iron or bleach your skin rug.

Stray fibers on woven alpaca products may “sprout” as a result of vacuuming and normal foot traffic. While we take the ultimate care to catch stray fibers before your rug is shipped, occasionally loose fibers get trapped in the rug during the tufting or shearing process. Do not pull fibers; just trim them carefully with a sharp scissors.

⚠ Avoid steam cleaners and the washing machine

⚠ Excess moisture can ruin the tan

⚠ Do not tumble dry

3.SPILLS AND STAINS

Spills are unavoidable. The key is to react quickly, especially with liquids that can penetrate the material and cause discoloration or buckling.

3.1: COWHIDE

Cowhide does not absorb liquids. Common spills such as wine, coffee, tea, juice, food, soup, urine and vomit can be treated quite simply.

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- Immediately soak up excess liquid with a cloth or paper towel.
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- Remove solid stain once they harden carefully scraping gently in the direction of the hair.
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- Wipe up with a damp cloth moistened with the cleaning solution detailed in the section “Proven methods for removing spots and stains”.
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- It is not suggested to wet the leather.
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- Rub in the fur direction.
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- Use a cloth damp in a conditioner solution to keep its softness (20% conditioner - 80% water - it should be well integrated).
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- Let it dry.
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- Brush the hair to recover its original texture.
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3.2: FURS AND WOVEN ALPACAS

When a spill occurs, immediately blot the area with a clean, absorbent white towel. Do not rub, as rubbing can cause damage by working the liquid deeper into the fibers/hairs or spreading it to a larger area.

If the stain has dried, you can clean it with a (*) damp cloth moistened with the cleaning solution detailed in the section “Proven Methods for removing spots and stains” only on the affected area. Let it dry. Do not apply any heat.

Woven alpacas should be completely dried as quickly as possible. Excessive dampness may cause irreparable damage to the fibers. Use a hairdryer if necessary.

Do not use bleaches, mildew removers, or other strong chemicals as they can discolor or damage carpet fibers.

3.3: CLEANING SOLUTIONS

DETERGENT SOLUTION

Mix 80% of water with 20% of clear liquid dishwashing

VINEGAR SOLUTION

Mix 80% of water with 20% of white vinegar

AMMONIA SOLUTION

Mix 50% of water with 50% of ammoniac based cleaning product.

4.REMOVING SPOTS AND STAINS

CHEWING GUM

Place an icecube on the chewing gum. Let it harden and take it off carefully. Try to do it in the fur direction. Use a damp cloth to take the rest of the gum.

CHOCOLATE

Apply the following cleaning solutions with a cloth slightly damped.

- 1.-Detergent Solution
- 2.- Vinegar Solution
- 3.- Detergent Solution
- 4.- Water Solution

Dry the surface with an absorbet cloth in each step. Finally use a cloth damped with water and hair conditioner to keep softness. Let it dry. Afterwards brush the hair to recover its original texture.

WOVEN ALPCACA

Liquids and stains will transfer to the back side. Place an absorbent cloth beneath the rug and follow the above cleaning instruction in both sides (front and back)

UNIVERSAL ADHESIVE GLUE

Do not rub the adhesive glue stain. Carefully, try to take off the glue stain using a cloth moistened with nail polish. Do it in detailed to avoid spreading the stain. Repeat until all the adhesive is removed. Let it dry. Brush in the hair direction.

INK/PEN

Use a paper towel to absorbe the ink stain from the surface. Slightly press the excess of ink trying to isolate the remnant so that stain does not spread. Professional cleaning is needed.

**COFEE/TEA
BEVERAGES**

Dry the surface with an absorbent cloth or paper towel avoiding the liquid be absorbed by the leather. Apply the following cleaning solutions with a cloth slightly damp.

- 1.- Detergent Solution
- 2.- Vinegar Solution
- 3.- Detergent Solution
- 4.- Water Solution

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**WATER
RESISTANT
MARKER**

Avoid leather to get damp or the back side to be reached by the color marker ink. Apply a stain remover (Tide or other). Then, rub with a cloth damp in the detergent solution. Finally, rub with a cloth only damp with water. Let it dry. If necessary brush or comb.

**COLORLESS
CANDLE WAX**

Freeze with ice cube. Scrap the wax till the rest of the material is removed. Try to do it in the fur direction. Vacuum. If necessary use a cloth damp in a detergent and ammonia based cleanser solution. Let it dry. Brush or comb.

JAM/HONEY

Remove the solid remains of the stain with a paper towel. Rub it with a cloth damp in warm water. Repeat if necessary. Avoid damp the leather surface. Let it dry and then brush.

WOVEN ALPCACA

If the stain transferred to the back side, dry it with paper towel and repeat the procedure

LIPSTICK

Smoothly rub each tuft separately with a drop of liquid soap for clothes to remove rests of lipstick. This will avoid colour to penetrate the leather. Use a cloth damp with water until all the liquid soap is removed. Let it dry, avoid moistening it. Brush or comb.

WOVEN ALPCACA

Place an absorbent cloth beneath the rug. Apply a solution of 95% detergent - 5% thinner. Smoothly rub. Use a cloth damp with water to take out the foam. Dry the back side of the rug with an absorbent cloth and repeat the same procedure in this side. Let it dry from both sides.

MUD

Let the mud dry. Remove the excess mud scratching it carefully. Try to do it in the direction of hair (if it is too long try not to pull it). Vacuum the loose particles. If necessary use a cloth damp in an ammonia solution. Do not wet the leather. Let it dry. Brush or comb.

RED WINE

Dry the surface with an absorbent cloth, or paper towel, avoiding the liquid to be absorbed by the leather. Apply the following cleaning solutions with a cloth slightly dampened.

- 1.- Ammonia Solution
- 2.- Vinegar Solution
- 3.- Detergent Solution
- 4.- Water Solution

Dry the surface with an absorbent cloth in each step. Finally use a cloth dampened with water and hair conditioner to keep softness.

Let it dry. Afterwards brush the hair to recover its original texture.

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QUESTIONS?

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