

Care & Maintenance of de Gournay Fabrics

Please ensure you know which fabric type you have before using this guide.

General Maintenance

Once made up into their end use fabrics should be dusted regularly, preferably with a clean soft brush attachment to a vacuum cleaner used on low power. Work with the direction of the weave and avoid scrubbing the surface.

Silk Velvet pile will crush down with use. It should be maintained with a stiff clean short hair natural bristle brush used in vigorous strokes along or across the weave direction and this will help restore the pile and will remove dried in dirt.

Protect fabric at all times from damp, excessive humidity and extremes of temperature. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight which will hasten colour fading and the weakening of silk. We recommend that clear UV filters are fitted to window glass to preserve interiors against sun damage.

Washing Instructions for design and plain fabrics on the roll

Silk Satin, Silk Twill, Silk Faille, Silk Taffeta, Silk Organza, Slub Silk:

	Hand Wash
•	Water Temperature 30C/85F (Cold)
*	Warning: Do Not Bleach
	Special Instruction: Line Dry/Hang to Dry
\overline{A}	Steam only
(F)	Professionally Dry Clean: Low Heat

Linen: The fabric may shrink again even when cold washed.

*	Hand Wash
•	Water Temperature 30C/85F (Cold)
*	Warning: Do Not Bleach
	Special Instruction: Dry Flat / Hang to Dry
	High
₽	Professionally Dry Clean

Silk Velvet:

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Damask:

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	Steam only
₽ E	Professionally Dry clean: Low Heat

Liquid Stain Repellent Finish

If the fabric was ordered with de Gournay's factory applied liquid repellent finish this will be compromised by washing or dry-cleaning.

de Gournay's liquid repellent finish does not change the texture or feel of the fabric. It works by sealing individual fibres in the fabric locking out further liquid ingress. It does not form a layer over the fabric and this allows it to be used for pile fabrics such as velvet successfully.

Liquid spilled onto the surface will run off or can be blotted. This finish does not prevent dry or oily dirt from being ground into the fibres of the fabric and does not protect from other forms of damage.

Cleaning Instructions for fabrics after making up

Whilst the de Gournay fabric might allow cleaning as defined above, other fabric or thread components used when making up your piece may not allow cleaning or may behave differently when cleaned by shrinking for example. Therefore de Gournay recommend you follow the instructions of the seamstress who made up the pieces, and if in doubt do not wash them.