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Each Slow Wood table is unique, archetypal and made with love and craftsmanship to last to last a lifetime. A beautiful analog piece in the heart of the home, a regular table where you share life and stories with your loved ones and friends. A table that offers comfort and guidance, where life is celebrated. A table for everyday use, a quiet and sober design. A cabinet that stores all your precious belongings.

About wood

Wood is a natural and porous hygroscopic material, which means that it absorbs and releases moistures throughout its life. A well-known example of this is the outer door that clings in damp weather, but opens easily in dry weather. Wood breathes and has irregular imperfections, but it is precisely that distinguishes it from the artificial. Wabi Sabi.

CARE

Take care and love your Slowwood table, read the following carefully with attention before use:

- Wood reacts to temperature and humidity. An ideal room temperature during the day around 20 Celsius and not below 14 Celsius at night.
- The recommended humidity in the room is around 55%. This is the ideal climate for your wooden table.
- **Pay attention! Keep a close eye on the humidity in your home. Measure the humidity with a hygrometer, for a good climate for you and your wooden table. Large fluctuations and a humidity which is structurally too low can cause reactions in the wood, namely: small cracks, shrinkage cracks. This is a natural reaction and not a defect. Solid wood always works, that demonstrates the natural character and soul of the wood.**
- If possible, keep the table out of direct sunlight to prevent cracks and color differences.
- Please make sure that you do not place objects in the same place for a long time in the first months to prevent color differences.
- Do not cover your table with airtight material for long periods of time.
- Avoid hot objects directly on the table.
- Protect the surface against heat, moisture and objects that can give off color (including pollen, some rubbers, caps, etc.).
- To prevent staining, remove any spills immediately.
- When cleaning the surface always work in the direction of the woodgrain.

Varnished & white stain

- Our tables are finished with a clear varnish or with a white stained varnish. They offer a good protection against stains, even though with this finish, spills should be removed immediately!
- For a regular care, please dust with a dry cloth.
- For cleaning or in case of a spill, use a damp cloth with natural soap and work in the direction of the wood grain.
- Dry with a soft clean cloth to avoid spotting.
- Don't place hot objects directly on the surface.

Natural & white oil

- The oils applied to our tables enhance the structure and color of the wood.
They ensure a durable surface and let the wood continue to breathe.
- When your Slowwood table is delivered, their still needs to dry more over the first 8 -10 weeks, so therefore don't use the table too intensively during this period.
- Do not treat the table with the maintenance oil during the first 8-10 weeks.
- For regular cleaning keep the table clean with a damp cloth.
- After a while the wood can feel scuffed and dry though using. You can fresh up the table with the supplies maintenance oil and restore the dirt and water-repellant oil layer.
- When using white pigmented oil, shake the bottle before use, so the white pigment mixes well with the oil.
- Apply a small amount of maintenance oil on a cotton cloth and massage into the wood.
- After a drying for 20 minutes, rub the furniture dry with a clean cotton cloth in the direction of the woodgrain. Repeat this treatment after 40 minutes and then leave the table to dry for 4 hours.
- After the treatment with maintenance oil, the wood on treated areas must not come into contact with water for 24 hours because of the hardening of the oil.

Warning!

After oiling don't forget to rinse the cloth with water and let it dry outside. Do not throw the cloth away in a wastpaper basket without first wetting it thoroughly. This is because of the risk of spontaneous combustion! So please think about this point, safety first.

White soap

The natural raw vegetable soap as a maintenance for wood works in two ways. In the first place it has a preventive effect and also removing dirt in the top of the layer of wood. After each soap treatment, the surface is saturated by the coconut and soy fats, so that dirt and moisture have less chance. When the Slowwood table is delivered to you it has had already a soap treatment for about 4-5 times.

The soap is highly concentrated and should be diluted with water before use. The more you soap, the whiter, paler the wood becomes. The soap is without any chemical additives, pure and natural.

- For regular cleaning keep the table clean with a damp cloth.
- Dirt and stains can be removed by applying the diluted soap to the rough side of a scouring pad and sanding the area to be cleaned in the direction of the wood grain with pressure depending on the stain. Then wipe the area with a clean damp cloth. Repeat if necessary.
Then soap the table with a cloth according to normal instructions.
- Repeat the soaping depending on the use.

Soap instructions:

The soap mixture you have to make consists of 1 part soap and 10 to 40 parts of water.

- For intensive use we recommend a dilution of 1:10 - 1:30
- For normaal use we recommend a dilution of 1:30 - 1:40
- Before using a white pigmented soap, shake the mixture well so that the white pigment mixes with the soap.
- Make a ready mixture in a sealable bottle or plant sprayer so that is always ready for use.
- Apply the mixture with a cloth, cotton or microfiber and soap all over the table, in the direction of the woodgrain. Let it soak for about 2 minutes.
- Then wipe the table with a clean, damp cloth to remove excess soap and dirt in the top of the layer. The water will evaporate quickly and a new soap layer will remain in the wood.
- It can happen, especially with Oak, that the wood fibers rise after the first soaps. The wood feels rough, in the maintenance kit you will find a piece of sandpaper 400. Feel free to sand the surface again gently in the direction of the woodgrain.