

CARE
INSTRUCTIONS
ICON

Kinnasand

Silk has unique properties that make for extremely soft, sensual and long-lasting rugs. It has excellent tensile strength, stays cool in the heat and warm in cooler temperatures and absorbs dye unlike any other material.

Handknotted ICON is designed to show the beauty and richness of silk in the purest way. To maintain the beauty and good condition of your ICON rug, we advise you to follow these care instructions.

GENERAL

Silk is the most beautiful yet delicate natural fibre. When it comes to cleaning rugs, the quality of the water is crucial. If its pH value is not good the silk might suffer irreversible damage. The pile might flatten or the hand might stiffen as the fibres' structure (molecules) reacts to elements in the water and the fibres pH value might change.

Every stain, including plain water, should be treated with soda water. Vinegar should never be used. The acid remains in the rug causing severe damage.

Pressure marks from heavy objects or furniture can be made to disappear: brush or put a damp cotton cloth directly on the indentation and iron gently in direction of the pile.

REGULAR CARE

Please vacuum your rug regularly, even if soil or stains are not visible.

Loose lint may appear during initial use. This is a characteristic of handknotted silk rugs that is known as »shedding«. With regular vacuum cleaning or brushing this will decrease after a short time.

Changes in the direction of the pile and different light reflections are called »shading« and add to the unique beauty of the rug.

Please do not expose the silk rug to intense direct sunlight. In order to avoid colour differences, please turn the rug around every 1 - 3 months.

To avoid pressure marks and signs of use, change the position of the rug from time to time.

We recommend using vacuum cleaners on a gentle to medium setting, without brush. Only vacuum clean in the direction of the pile. To discover the direction of the pile please stroke the rug. The soft hand indicates the direction of the pile.

LIQUID SPOTS

We recommend all spots to be removed by a silk rug cleaning professional.

In case of liquid spilling, take immediate action to minimalise damage. Dab the spilt liquid with a clean, non-staining cotton cloth and stroke in the direction of the pile. Work from the edge of the stain inwards and do not rub.

Use soda water as ordinary tap water might damage your rug. This must run through to the backside of the rug in order to avoid staining.

Throughout the drying process the rug must be well ventilated; do not rub. Heaters, such as hair dryers or space heaters, should never be used. The heat they produce might permanently shrink or otherwise damage the rug.

If the spilt liquids are coloured like wine, pour a good amount of salt on the stain. The salt absorbs pigments (colour) and moisture. After a few minutes, vacuum the area and then rinse it with soda water.

HARDENED DIRT

We recommend all spots to be removed by a silk rug cleaning professional.

If you discover a hardened dirt spot, take immediate action to minimalise damage.

Remove loose dirt particles with a spoon. Dab the spot with a clean, non-staining cotton cloth, using cool soda water. Work from the edge of the stain inwards and do not rub. Repeat the process if necessary, changing cleaning cloths frequently.

PROFESSIONAL CARE

Use professional silk rug cleaning services only.