

## **Solid Wood Worktops Aftercare Instructions**

Following just a few simple rules will help you get the best out of your solid wood worktop. Our recommendations are as follows:

### **Spillages**

Be sure to mop up any spillages immediately with a clean dry cloth. Liquids should not be allowed to pool on the surface or stand for a length of time.

### **Direct Cutting**

Do not cut directly onto the worktop. Please place a chopping board or butcher's block on top of the worktop surface for this purpose.

### **Direct Contact: Pots, Pans, and Other Items**

Do not place hot, wet or dirty pots and pans straight onto the worktop. The worktop needs extra protection against such items; stainless steel hotrods are the perfect addition for this purpose and can be purchased alongside your worktop. In fact, most metal vessels (such as tin/aluminium cans, iron, copper, or steel containers) can stain the timber and as such contact between the two should be avoided.

### **Cleaning**

Wipe worktops down regularly with a damp (not wet), lint-free cloth, warm water and a small amount of soap. We do not recommend using multi-purpose cleaning products which contain chemicals as this may damage the worktops. Please also avoid the use of scouring pads. If a scouring pad is used, the worktop may need to be re-oiled afterwards.

### **Oiling**

To maintain the fine quality of your solid wood worktop, be sure to oil regularly. Wood is a natural material and a proper course of oil treatment is essential to ensure a long and trouble-free life.

In the first few weeks of use, special care must be taken to prevent the worktops becoming stained before they have built up sufficient oil protection. In particular water must not be allowed to lie on the surface.

When the surface has a sheen, and water "beads" or forms into droplets, you can tell that the worktop is in good condition. When the surface is dull and droplets don't form, you need to re-oil the worktop. Ideally, you should re-oil the surface before it quite gets to that stage.

New worktops will require treating frequently to build up their protection. However, as the protective layer builds up they will gradually require oiling less often. The environment in which it is fitted and the amount of wear and tear a surface receives will affect how often a worktop needs oiling. However, we would recommend regular re-oiling at least every three months.