



## Rug Care

You have made a wise investment with your **cmi** braided area rug, and following these simple cleaning tips\* will help extend the life of your rug.

### **CLEANING**

Retain the beauty of these fine products by regular vacuuming using the hard surface attachment. Do not use the beater bar on your rug. Remove spots with any dry cleaning fluid. Periodic professional dry cleaning is recommended. Accessory products may be machine washed, cold water, laid flat to dry.

### **MAINTENANCE**

If threads which hold the braids loosen or break simply sew together with a needle and strong thread. Trim, never pull loose ends. What may appear to be an irregularity in color or construction is actually part of the homespun look. Reverse for twice the wear.

### **FLOOR PADDING**

Floor padding is strongly recommended to prevent yarn color dye transfer and provide comfort, safety, and durability.

### **CHARACTERISTICS**

Slight irregularities are inherent to all products. Minimal size, dye lot, and pattern repeat variations are to be expected from handcrafting. Due to tight packing for shipment, product may not lay flat; starting from the center, work wrinkles out with hands or pole.

\* Cleaning and care may differ depending on product contents

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## **Sunbrella® INDOOR / OUTDOOR PERFORMANCE BRAIDED RUGS**

Sunbrella® renaissance™ rugs should be cleaned regularly before dirt and food particles become embedded in the rug.

### **GENERAL LIGHT CLEANING**

Brush or vacuum off loose dirt. If vacuuming, do NOT use the beater brush. Remove spots with commercially available carpet and rug cleaning products. Accessory products may be machine washed, cold water, laid flat to dry.

### **HEAVY CLEANING**

Sunbrella® renaissance™ rugs do NOT promote mildew growth, however, mildew may grow on dirt and other substances that are trapped in the yarn when not cleaned regularly. To clean mildew or other stubborn stains: Prepare a solution of 8 ounces of bleach and 2 ounces of mild soap per gallon of water. Apply to the stained area and gently scrub with a soft bristle brush or sponge. Rinse to remove all soap residue. Allow rug to air dry.

## PROFESSIONAL CLEANING

The services of a professional rug cleaner may be sought if stains are particularly difficult. However, DO NOT DRY CLEAN yarn Sunbrella® renaissance™ rugs and accessories.

## STAIN CHART

This chart contains our recommended cleaning methods of Sunbrella® yarn for some of the most common and toughest stains. You may also use Carbona Stain Devil cleaning products. Available from national retailers, Carbona provides 9 formulas made to get out different types of stains. Apply the number indicated for your stain.

Stain	Recommended cleaning solutions	Carbona stain devil no.
<b>Beer</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.)	8
<b>Berry</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / ammonia (4-8 oz.)	8
<b>Bird droppings</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water, or try Goo Gone Grease Cutter (a hand cleaner), Greased Lightning, or Clean Rite Purple Power (available at Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc.)	
<b>Blood (dried)</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / ammonia (4-8 oz.)	4
<b>Butter</b>	Volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	5
<b>Charcoal, pencil marks</b>	Vacuum, then Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1gallon water	3
<b>Catsup or mustard</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	2
<b>Chewing gum</b>	Volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	1
<b>Chocolate</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / ammonia (4 oz.)	2
<b>Coffee</b>	Dishwashing liquid / water, white vinegar, volatile solvent (acetone)	8

<b>Cola</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Crayon</b>	Paint remover (100%), oil or grease remover (mix as directed)	3
<b>Egg (raw)</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	4
<b>Food color</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.)	6
<b>Grape juice</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Gravy</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	2
<b>Grease (car)</b>	Volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	5
<b>Ink (permanent, india, ballpoint)</b>	Paint remover (100%), volatile solvent (acetone) 100%, soap and water	3
<b>Iron rust</b>	Carbona™ Stain Devil #9	9
<b>Lipstick</b>	Paint remover, oil or grease remover (mix as directed)	6
<b>Mascara</b>	Paint remover (100%), volatile solvent (acetone-100%), dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Mildew</b>	Bleach (1 cup) / Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	4
<b>Milk</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Nail polish</b>	volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	1
<b>Oil</b>	volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	5
<b>Orange drink</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Paint (latex) wet</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	1

<b>Paint (latex) dried</b>	Paint remover (100%), oil or grease remover (mix as directed)	1
<b>Paint (oil or lacquer)</b>	Paint remover (100%), oil or grease remover (mix as directed)	5
<b>Shoe polish (liquid)</b>	Volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	7
<b>Shoe polish (wax)</b>	Apply heated iron over towel, volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	1
<b>Suntan lotion</b>	Pine Power <sup>®</sup> or pine oil detergent / water (mix as directed)	5
<b>Tea</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	8
<b>Tomato Juice</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	2
<b>Tree sap</b>	Turpentine (100%), Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water	7
<b>Urine</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.)	8
<b>Vomit</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / white vinegar (3 oz.)	8
<b>Wax (candle)</b>	apply heated iron over towel, volatile solvent (acetone) 100%	1
<b>Wine</b>	Dishwashing liquid (2 oz.) / 1 gallon water / ammonia (4-8 oz.) / white vinegar (3 oz.)	8

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