

# Silk care

**Silk is a protein fiber  
that degrades in  
sunlight and stains  
with water rings.**

Home cleaning  
often causes more  
damage than the  
spill.

# The Silk Protocol: Sun Rot and Water Rings

Silk is the most fragile material in the home. This protocol is contactless by design.

14

## Silk Care

SUN ROT PREVENTION

Silk is a protein fiber that degrades in sunlight and stains with water rings. Home cleaning often causes more damage than the spill.

This protocol limits contact, prioritizes dust control, and escalates stains immediately to specialists.

## Asset card

Baseline material data before any intervention.

MATERIAL	<b>100% Mulberry Silk / Raw Silk</b>
VULNERABILITY	<b>UV Degradation (Rot) and Water Spotting</b>
TOOLS REQUIRED	<b>White cotton gloves (for handling), Vacuum with horsehair brush</b>
STATUS	<b>The most fragile material in the home</b>

### CRITICAL WARNING

## The forbidden list

These actions cause irreversible fiber damage.

### NEVER USE WATER

Even a drop of clean water can leave a permanent ring as the sizing or dye shifts.

### NEVER USE ENZYME CLEANERS

Silk is a protein fiber. Enzyme cleaners are designed to break down protein and will damage the fabric.

### NEVER PLACE IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT

Sunlight turns silk brittle and yellow within months.

## The diagnostic: the "Shatter" check

Silk does not just fade; it rots.

1. Gently pinch a hidden corner of older silk curtains or upholstery.
2. If it makes a crunching sound or feels stiff, the fibers have suffered UV degradation. Professional cleaning may shred it. Proceed with caution.

## The step-by-step protocol

1. **The "Contactless" Clean:** Silk should be touched as little as possible. Oils from human hands degrade the fibers over time.
2. **Dusting:** Use a vacuum on the lowest possible setting with a clean horsehair brush. Place a nylon stocking over the nozzle to prevent snagging threads.
3. **Stain Management:** Do not attempt to clean a wet stain at home. Blot gently with a dry cloth to remove excess liquid, then call a specialist immediately.
4. **The "Shake" (Curtains):** Do not vacuum silk drapes. Gently shake them to dislodge dust, let it settle on the floor, then vacuum the floor.

## Maintenance schedule

### MAINTENANCE NOTE

Window film application.

If you have silk upholstery near a window, you must have UV-blocking film applied to the glass. Without it, the silk will disintegrate within 2-3 years.