

# AFTER CARE FOR YOUR SHUTTERS

**Plantation shutters will bring your home to life and provide a quality of finish and style that other window treatments cannot live up to. In order to keep your shutters looking their best, regular cleaning is recommended. The good news is that shutters, whether functional or decorative, are relatively easy to maintain, and cleaning them should be a breeze if you follow these simple steps.**

1. We recommend using a Lambs' wool or Ostrich feather duster for all types of shutter materials from wood, to faux wood. These types of duster can flick off dust quickly, can go through the slats easily, and are so soft that you do not have to worry about scratching the finish. Simply tilt down all the slats of the plantation shutters and dust away in a downward stroke. Do one side first before dusting the reverse side. Always do this before using a damp cloth to wipe the slat surfaces. This is to prevent grimy particles from clumping together in the hard-to-reach corners once liquids are introduced. A static cling duster could also be used as an alternative.
2. Vacuum or sweep away whatever debris that may have fallen to the floor after dusting. This will lessen the risk of dust floating back to the shutters while you are cleaning.
3. Give the entire window structure a gentle rubdown with a dry but clean cloth on both sides. Dampen a cloth with warm water and wipe on all visible surfaces. Never spray directly on the shutters themselves. It is important not to use cleaning solutions that can potentially damage the shutter surfaces.
4. Wipe away the liquid with another dry cleaning cloth. Never allow the liquid to dry on the surface, as this may leave water marks or stains.

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