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MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR

NATURAL RUSH

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Characteristics

The natural rush refers to long, slender plant fibers traditionally used for weaving, particularly in chair seats, baskets, and other handmade items. It is a natural material known for its durability, flexibility, and rustic appearance

Care & Maintenance

To maintain Natural Rush, keeping it in good shape depends on factors like humidity, dust, and sunlight exposure. Here's a practical guide for maintaining your Natual Rush furniture or crafts:

1. Regular Dusting

Use a soft brush or a vacuum with a brush attachment to gently remove dust. Do this weekly to prevent dust from building up and dulling the look of the paper.

2. Light Cleaning

Wipe with a slightly damp cloth using clean water; avoid soaking it as paper rush can weaken or tear if too wet. For stubborn dirt, mix a mild soap with water, but always test it on a small, inconspicuous area first.

3. Control Humidity Levels

Natural rush is sensitive to changes in humidity. Try to keep it in a moderate humidity level (around 40-50%) to prevent drying out and cracking, or absorbing too much moisture and becoming soggy.

Avoid placing it in extremely humid areas, such as bathrooms, as it can soften and lose shape over time.

4. Sunlight Protection

Direct sunlight can cause fading and weaken the fibers. Place your items away from direct sunlight, or use UV-protective window film to reduce sun exposure.

You can also periodically rotate the piece to ensure even fading over time.

5. Repairing Small Tears

Small tears or frayed areas can often be mended with a dab of white wood glue on the ends. Be gentle and allow time for the glue to dry completely.