How to Clean an Area Rug

Area rugs can be made from a variety of yarns or a blend of yarns flattening your rug pile. Rotating your rug every few months will help relieve areas from excessive wear.

Use rug protectors under the legs of heavy furniture to avoid brushing is the best way to remove stubborn pet hairs that getting these rugs too wet, as water can weaken the fibers. Avoid placing plants directly on top of area rugs and immediately blot dry any water spillage.

Viscose, or art silk, has the same soft, luxurious look and feel as silk, but at a much more affordable price. Keeping a viscose rug cool and dry is extremely important. Excessive moisture will cause the yarns to yellow. High heat can cause the rug yarns to lose their shape.

Rugs made from jute, sisal and seagrass natural fibers have a sturdy pile of an indoor-outdoor rug doesn't trap dirt as readily as other area rugs. For shorter pile area rugs, use a carpet brush or carpet sweeper. For longer pile use a carpet rake or a rug beater, varying in vigor based on the construction of the rug. Rudimentary vacuuming will significantly extend the life of area rugs.

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Rugs exposed to household pets should be vacuumed regularly. For pet stains make a solution of water, white vinegar and mild detergent. For tougher stains, use the stain solution suggested above and gently apply the foam to the stained area with a clean cloth. Finally, blot dry with a clean, damp cloth and a mild cleanser. For tough stains, use the stain solution suggested above and gently apply the foam to the stained area with a clean cloth. Finally, blot dry with a clean, damp cloth and a mild cleanser.

For lighter stains or spills on synthetic yarns, sponge stain solution suggested above and gently apply the foam to the stained area with a clean cloth. Finally, blot dry with a clean, damp cloth and a mild cleanser.

Vacuum thoroughly at least once a week with a canister vacuum. Routine vacuuming is the most important step in maintaining the life and beauty of your rug. It is recommended that you use the most gentle vacuum for indoor-outdoor rugs. To remove them back-roll/reverse roll your rug and allow time for the creases to relax.

Avoid using beater bars. Do not engage beater bars. For tips on how to clean shag rugs, follow the methods provided in these videos.