



## CARE & MAINTENANCE

### *Butcher Blocks - Varnique Finish*

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1. Varnique is a beautiful semi-gloss finish. To clean spills or soiled areas, use a clean damp cloth to wipe the surface, then thoroughly wipe all surfaces with a clean dry towel. Please note that any spills should be cleaned up immediately. Excessive moisture or mildly acidic liquids that are allowed to stand on the surface can cause damage to the finish.
2. Periodically, you should apply a coat of spray wax, paste wax, or lemon oil to the finished surface. This will enhance and protect the finish and ensure that a moisture barrier is intact in the event that the finish becomes scratched or worn.
3. Minor scratches can be repaired by rubbing the affected area with fine steel wool or fine grit (#200) sandpaper. Remember, when rubbing or sanding, always sand with the grain. If the area needing repaired is located along the edges, lightly sand the edges into the surrounding area. Remove all dust and apply a coat of any type of clear lacquer finish. The entire surface of the top will have to be refinished or the repair will be visible. Clear lacquer can be purchased at most paint or hardware stores. Small cans of matching touch up stain can be mixed and matched at most paint stores. Always follow the manufacturer's directions on the product label when refinishing.
4. If there are major scratches and gouges where large portions of wood have been removed or damaged, the repair should be handled by an experienced professional in furniture repair that is furnished with the appropriate tools and equipment.
5. DO NOT cut on or into a varnique finished butcher block. Cuts in the finish should be resealed immediately to prevent the exposed wood from absorbing moisture. Varnique finishes can be spot sanded and finished with John Boos EZ-DO wipe-on poly gel.