



Furniture Care Resources

Books:

The Weekend Refinisher

By: Bruce E. Johnson

Beginner, plus

Care & Repair of Antique Furniture

By: Albert Jackson & David Day

Beginner, plus

The Furniture Doctor

By: George Grotz

Starter Professional
Very broad, general guide

Restoration Recipes

By: James Bain Smith & Julia De Bierre

Beginner, plus
Homemade recipes
This book is hard to find.

Website:

antiquerestores.com

Q & A, for nonprofessionals
Archives on restorations of
furniture, glass & pottery

Caution:

Furniture care and the restoration of finishes are separate concepts but often overlap. It is generally accepted that pieces made post, circa 1870 (early mass production era) benefit from repairs, cleaning and if necessary complete refinishing. Pieces within this category usually need to be cleaned before proper annual care can begin.

Pieces made pre, circa 1870 back to 1805ish are usually limited to gentle cleaning and mild finish work. Some minor repairs are also considered acceptable.

Pieces made pre, circa 1805ish should not be touched and can lose significant value with minor changes. These pieces represent the "Investment Class" and are prized for their originality (patina).