

# FOGIA



Leather care

# Fogia's Leathers

At Fogia, we work with premium leathers from some of the world's most renowned companies. Each of the leathers has its own unique qualities. Here's a quick rundown of those we most commonly use.

## Nevotex - Vintage Collection

Nevotex's Vintage Collection is one of our most popular. The collection is comprised of aniline leathers, which means that the hide is dyed all the way through with the same colour. As a result, the leather has a depth of colour and natural colour variations that give it a 'worn in' look. Each hide needs its own unique treatment to get as close to the original colour swatch as possible however, due to natural variations in hides, each one will vary slightly.

This sort of leather is soft to the touch and very breathable but bear in mind that it is prone to stains and quite sensitive to light. The colour will age and take on even more of a beautiful patina over time, and its colour will shift slightly when cleaned and conditioned.

## Sorensen Dunes

Sorensen's Dune bears the Nordic Swan Ecolabel, meeting very high sustainable and environmental standards. A favourite among design lovers (and those who work in the design industry), the leather is great to touch; butter smooth as the saying goes. It's given a process that involved sanding, oiling and buffing to give it the unique velvety surface. We've noticed that Dunes leathers take on a wonderful, lively patina during use, and can become glossy in areas of heavy use, which adds an almost 3D effect to the upholstery. It's an Aniline leather, so can stain. Sorensen recommend not conditioning and only light vacuuming with a brush if you wish to retain the unique patina.

## Sorensen Shade

Sorensen's Shade was developed with one of Fogia's own collaborators, Norm Architects. As you'd expect it's a collection intended to complement materials and finishes found in architecture and design. Stone, wood, tiles... for example. The aniline leather's silky, matte surface has a light layer of protection that's invisible to the eye that lets the beauty of the leather speak for itself. It's a rich material to use in upholstery that brings a distinctive character to furniture. Clean 2-4 times per year with the foam from soap flakes stirred in water, and vacuum with a soft brush before doing so.

## Elmo Elmosoft

Using hides from Scandinavian cattle, Elmosoft is a chrome-free soft and durable semi-aniline leather. It's treated, dyed and tested at Elmo's own factory. Elmosoft as a collection has a wide range of colours to select from, making it really versatile for upholstery in even the most adventurous of settings. A semi-aniline leather is typically a little more resistant to dirt and wear as it has an added protection treatment, so is good for furniture that may be used heavily and is easier to keep clean.

# Elmo Elmotique

Elmotique is a light aniline leather from Scandinavian cattle that has a batique effect, It's dyed, treated and tested at Elmo's own factory and has a wide range of colours. A lovely, soft leather that does require regular care to keep its natural luster.

## Camo Leathers Sierra

Sierra is a corrected leather with excellent durability that's great for contract and domestic furniture. The leather is chrome tanned but without using PCP or CFCs, so it's still kind to the environment. The leather is dyed through and has a very special hand feel. As a corrected leather, it's been sanded and buffed to even out natural marks on the hide for a more consistent colour and surface.

## Camo Leathers Sevilla

Sevilla is a very soft, lightly buffed semi-aniline leather with a natural grain. The hides come from Brazil and are chrome tanned but done so without PCP or CFCs to minimise environmental impact. Dyed through, it should hold its look well over time and with the right care.

## Why care?

Leather is a great upholstery material. It's strong, durable and attractive, taking on patina over time. But it's important to remember that leather is a skin, and it can dry, crack and warp.

Fogia offers a variety of different leathers from premium producers, each of which needs to be cared for to prolong its life. Here's our short guide on how to care for yours.

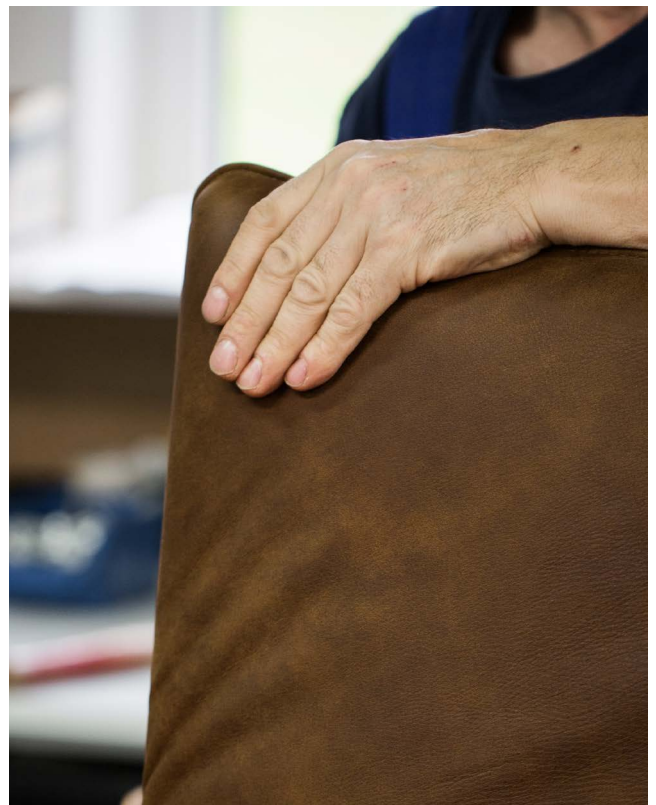
## Conditioning

Conditioning is a process that's most suitable for caring for leather upholstery. Compared to a leather shoe, a sofa or chair is less likely to be exposed to water and the elements so polish or waterproofing isn't so applicable. Instead, condition the leather, as you might moisturise dry skin after washing.

Depending on where your furniture is situated, you should try to condition at least twice a year as a rule of thumb. And feel free to use a damp cloth to remove dust as part of your regular 'house keeping', which will also help to prevent it from drying out between conditioning.

Another thing to bear in mind is where you place your furniture. If it's situated in direct sunlight, it will dry out more quickly and its colour will change faster, so you may want to do so more often.

You will also notice that the leather will change colour slightly following conditioning, returning more to the colour it had before it began to dry out. This is perfectly natural and nothing to worry about.



*With the right care, your leather will remain beautiful for generations.*

# Recommended Care Products

We recommend the products from [leathermaster.se](http://leathermaster.se), and suggest following the guidelines that come with the product you buy. Depending on the leather you have chosen for your furniture, you may need one or more of the products to look after your upholstery in the best possible way. For the best result, we recommend using these three products (from Leather Master) in sequence to clean, condition and protect your Fogia furniture.



## Step 1: Using Leather Soft Cleaner:

Prepare the surface by wiping away dust with a damp cloth.

Shake the bottle well and wrap a fibre cloth around a foam sponge.

Apply the leather cleaner to the cloth and wipe over the leather evenly in sections, drying each section with a clean cloth or towel. You may need two bottles if your cleaning a large sofa.

Do not rub, instead repeat the process to remove any areas of stubborn dirt.



## Step 2: Using Leather Renew:

Following cleaning (above), use Leather Renew to condition the leather.

Shake bottle well and apply liquid to a clean, soft cloth.

Massage into the leather in light circular movements to make sure it's absorbed into the natural creases of the leather. Do not rub.

Let dry and go back over any areas which need more attention ie. blemishes and marks.



## Step 3: Using Leather Protection Cream:

Shake bottle well.

Apply the cream to a soft cloth and massage into the leather.

Allow to dry fully.