

Metal Care

I hope you enjoy your artwork. Here are a few tips to help keep it looking lovely!

Steel and copper

Firstly, please **do not wash or wipe** steel or copper pieces as this may remove the protective lacquer and wax finish and could damage gilded surfaces.

To keep pieces looking at their best simply dust with a soft brush and occasionally clean them as follows:

Un-gilded steel and copper surfaces may be polished with a little clear beeswax polish; Renaissance Micro-Crystalline Wax Polish is ideal.

Surfaces that have gold leaf or copper leaf applied should only be dusted gently with a very soft clean dry cloth or soft brush. Do not apply polish.

Candles can be used, but with care. Always place candles in a tea-light holder or similar and not directly on the gilded surface. Do not allow wax to drip onto gilded surfaces, or the flame to touch the gilding.

Silver

To maintain a matt and brushed finish avoid using silver cleaners or impregnated cloths. Silver pieces should be washed regularly in warm water with a mild washing-up liquid. Dry thoroughly with kitchen towel, and then with a hairdryer on a hot setting. Gently polish with a soft cloth. Renaissance Micro-Crystalline Wax Polish can be applied to help prevent tarnish if required and to enhance oxidised (black) silver.

My pieces are intended for interior display.

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