

How to Clean KEVA Planks

Since maple and pine are a closed pored woods, they naturally resist soiling and fingerprints. KEVA Planks are all natural with no finish. Cleaning is rarely needed but if you have some dirty planks that need to be refreshed, here are some tips.

TIPS

- Do not soak KEVA planks in water or other liquids because it may cause them to warp. The tight grain of maple resists warping better than most woods but we want to keep our planks perfectly flat.
- Dry them immediately after cleaning to limit warping, then allow them to finish air drying completely before putting them away.
- Although cleaning physically removes dirt and germs, disinfection is needed to kill germs. Disinfection is often quicker and easier than cleaning.

One of the wonders of wood is that it has a natural antibacterial property. Maple KEVA planks are made out of the same wood as food grade baking spoons and cutting boards. Even without cleaning and disinfection, germs naturally die on wood. Germs live longer on plastic, rubber, metal and glass than on wood.

Cleaning Procedure

Choose one of the cleaners below and put it in a spray bottle.

- A simple vinegar and water solution (1 part white vinegar to 10 parts water)
 - A mild, environmentally friendly dish soap (i.e. Dawn) diluted in warm water (dishwater)
 - Your favorite non-toxic multi-purpose cleaner, diluted with water
1. Spread the KEVA Planks out to create one layer. Spray them with your cleaner of choice. Flip the planks over and spray again. It may not get 100% coverage but it will be good.
 2. Scrub the dirty planks with a brush (an old toothbrush will work) or a cloth.
 3. Rinse briefly under running water and dry them as much as possible immediately with towels to prevent warping.
 4. Allow the planks to air dry completely before putting them back in their container.

Optional: To disinfect, spray the planks with 60-70% alcohol or an approved commercial disinfectant. See the FAQ page on KEVApilks.com for more information on how to disinfect.