

Your
Waxed Canvas
Pipe Pouch
Care Guide



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A history of waxed canvas



From the sea to the shore, waxed canvas is written into the history of seafaring and adventures to the New World. It's a story that is as practical as it is romantic.

Imagine the tall sails of clipper ships carving through the ocean, seeking out distant ports, and you won't be far away from waxed canvas.

It was those gritty seafaring men and women that we have to thank for developing what is today one of the oldest materials in the world to still be commercially used.

Working with what they could find around them, those impoverished sailors took the initiative to create a protective waterproof poncho that would shelter them and their belongings from the harsh conditions.

They found that when oil was rubbed into the discarded scraps of sails, they could create a material that was both durable and waterproof and would stand up to the roughest of weather.

Taeeping, a tea clipper built in 1863.
Allan C. Green, from Our Collections
of the State Library of Victoria





Not long after its invention at sea, use of waxed canvas became widespread.

The material was put to good use to create all sorts of gear and clothing, including uniforms and jackets, tents, bags and duffels, and heavy-duty rainwear.

All sorts of people turned to waxed canvas, from farmers to outdoorsmen, from soldiers to motorcyclists, all for the same reasons – for its durability, comfort and waterproofing.



Waxed canvas is a treasured example of a fabric that has stood the test of time. Long before the world had synthetic hydrophobic fabrics and sprays, people had natural solutions like wax.

And while techniques and designs may have changed, the history of waxed canvas remains rich and still echoes back to the grit and determination of those early innovators.

Your waxed canvas pouch



Whitluck's is proud to present its premium waxed canvas pouch, pipe and accessory set.

We've made sure your pipe pouch and accessory set has everything you'll need to enjoy pipe smoking, for wherever you are and wherever you're going.

With a design inspired by those early seafarers, your new waxed canvas pouch has been specially crafted to be rugged and weatherproof.

This design has travelling in mind.

It easily fits into a regular sized bag and once fully unfolded provides an ideal platform for packing your pipe while on the go. The pouch has been designed to perfectly fit inside a travel bag, a car glove compartment or to be carried easily in the palm of your hand.

At the same time, the pouch has plenty of space to fit a standard tobacco pouch, accessories, such as a tamper, pipe cleaners, filters and your lighter, and comfortably fits up to two pipes.

Now let's review a few of the finer details of your new pipe pouch.



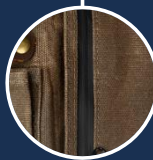
Canvas strap to elegantly wrap around the pouch and ensure you always keep your pipes snug and secure, whether you're travelling light or fully loaded



Dual pipe holders to keep your primary and backup pipes ready to go. Each can be buttoned in place and secured with a protective material covering the bowl



Multi-layered pockets to keep your accessories secure, with plenty of room for any other essentials too



A large tobacco pocket that uses an air-tight and 'smell proof' zipper to help keep your tobacco moist and everything else clean

Cleaning waxed canvas

The best thing about waxed canvas is that it only gets better with age, but like most fabrics, it does need a little love to stay in good shape year after year.

In this section, we'll give you some advice on how to make sure you keep your new waxed canvas pipe pouch looking good and working well.

The key to cleaning waxed canvas is to be gentle and careful not to overdo it.

1. Lightly brush off any dried-on materials and dirt with a soft bristled brush (a toothbrush works well). If you want, you can also use a lint roller to pick up any threads or dust that are attached to your pouch.
2. Next, use plain cold water to clean the fabric. Don't use hot water, as this will start to melt the wax. Hose it off while scrubbing with your brush, rinse and let it dry. Assess whether any further cleaning is required. If that's enough, then stop right here.
3. However, if you encounter any stubborn spots or stains, you can take a further step. Use a mild soap, flake soap, or saddle soap to clean a specific area of your pouch. Don't use detergents, as they may dissolve the wax. Gently rub the soap on the spot with running cold water.
4. Make sure to rinse away all the soap and allow your pipe pouch to fully dry by hanging it in the sun or in a warm dry place.

Remember don't wash your pipe pouch too frequently. The washing process does break down the wax coating. And, after all, waxed canvas looks better the more you use it, with all those scuffs and marks they pick up along the way. So wash sparingly, and enjoy the memories!

Be sure to keep reading for some extra dos and don'ts when it comes to caring for your waxed canvas pipe pouch.

All about rewaxing

Your waxed canvas pipe pouch can handle any adventure you throw at it.

But, over time, it's natural for the wax coating of your pipe pouch to weather and thin, making the fabric less water-resistant and more vulnerable to damage.

Don't worry! Waxed canvas is a fully restorable fabric and it's cheap and easy to get your pouch back to its former glory.

How often you'll need to 'rewax' depends on how often you use your pouch, but you might want to consider adding additional wax to the fabric every year or two.

But wait. Before going for a full rewax.

If your pouch has only lost its wax coating in a few places, you might want to try using a hair dryer to gently heat the wax and then use your fingers to redistribute it around the fabric and cover any worn spots.



Once the time to conduct a full rewaxing does come, the process is still quite straight-forward.

What you'll need: lint roller, hair dryer & wax.

1



Clean

When you apply wax to your pipe pouch it'll cover everything that is on it at the time, so you'll want to ensure it's clean and dry before rewaxing.

Refer to our cleaning instructions above for full guidance on how to clean your pouch. The goal is to remove any material or dirt attached to the fabric of your pipe pouch. Additionally, it's a good idea to use a lint roller to remove any fluff, threads or dust that may still be clinging to your pouch.

2



Wax

Once your pipe pouch is clean and dry, you'll first want to use a hair dryer to heat up the surface of the fabric – this will help you to spread the wax more evenly.

Grab your bar of wax and rub it across the canvas surfaces of the pouch. Use broad, even strokes. The wax will heat up as you rub it across the fabric, making it easier to spread and transfer to the fabric.

Use the corners and edges of the wax bar to get into the crevices and up close to the seams. You can use your fingers to work the wax into the canvas. It's a good idea to use a hair dryer to heat up the wax deposited on your pouch, helping it to penetrate further into the fabric.

3



Cure

Having completed the rewaxing process, simply hang your pipe pouch up in the sunlight or in a warm, dry place.

Be sure to let your rewaxed pipe pouch dry and cure for between 24 to 48 hours before using it.

Waxed canvas do's & don'ts

Having read this guide, you'll appreciate that waxed canvas is a very special material. It has valuable properties that elevate it above most other fabrics, especially when used in harsh conditions.

However, it also needs some special attention to keep it at its best. So in addition to our cleaning guide, here's some key dos and don'ts for looking after waxed canvas.



Do use your waxed canvas pouch

Waxed canvas only gets better with age. The folds and creases blend over time, creating a weathered patina, adding character and recording a history of its use.



Do spot clean waxed canvas

The protective wax coating means it will not stain easily and the inevitable scuffs from daily use will most likely blend into the weathered patina over time.

However, if you do need to clean your pouch, only spot clean with a damp towel. Use only a small amount of mild soap, cold rinse and air dry.



Do remove marks with a hairdryer

The marks that add to the weathered patina of waxed canvas are part of its character.

However, the easiest technique to reduce their appearance is to use a hairdryer. Lay out the pouch and hover a hairdryer on high a few inches above it. Move quickly to ensure not to heat any particular spot for too long.



Don't iron your waxed canvas pouch

Waxed canvas has a “memory”. Each fold, wrinkle and crease is a record of its use.

But if you'd like to smooth out the fabric of your pouch, try using your fingers to press out the creases.

We strongly advise against ironing, as it's just too easy to accidentally overheat the fabric and damage the wax coating.



Don't wash your waxed canvas pouch

Clean, yes, wash, no.

Specifically, don't put your pipe pouch in the washing machine, and don't use hot water, detergents or use dry cleaning on your pipe pouch.

These washing techniques all run the risk of damaging the waxed coating of the canvas, which will lead to it losing its durability and water-resistant properties.

