

The Ironwork

Gear Art Sculpture



Thank you for bringing The Ironwork home. A good piece lasts for years when it gets a little regular attention, and none of it takes much effort. This guide covers what I would do to keep yours looking the way it did on day one.

Marc, Founder

EVERYDAY CARE

- Dust each piece weekly with a dry microfiber cloth or soft brush.
- Do not buff or polish the matte finish. Rubbing can leave shiny patches.
- Put a thin cork or rubber pad underneath. It protects the shelf and stops the bookend sliding under the books.
- Keep them out of direct sunlight and away from radiators. Polyresin can fade or warp with heat.



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CLEANING, STEP BY STEP

- 1 Dust each piece with a dry cloth, and use a soft brush to reach between the gear teeth.
- 2 For marks, use a barely damp microfiber cloth, with a drop of mild soap if needed. Try it on a hidden spot first.
- 3 Dab and wipe lightly. Avoid rubbing in circles, which can burnish a matte surface.
- 4 Dry right away with a clean, dry cloth.

PLEASE AVOID

- Acetone, nail polish remover, and alcohol based wipes, which can cloud or soften polyresin
- Polish, wax, or oil, which turn a matte finish patchy
- Abrasive pads and scouring powders
- Radiators, heaters, and sunny windowsills
- Drops and knocks, which can chip resin

PLACEMENT AND HANDLING

- Slide the books against the bookend rather than dragging the bookend across the shelf.
- Share the weight between the two, and keep the heaviest books in the middle of the row.
- Place them on a level, stable shelf.
- Pick up one piece at a time. Resin chips if it lands on a hard floor.

GOOD TO KNOW

Polyresin is lighter than cast metal, so a long row of heavy books can push a bookend along the shelf. A cork or rubber pad underneath, and the heaviest books in the middle, sorts it out.



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In ancient Rome, the Lares were the guardians of the household. We took the name because a home should feel looked after, and so should the things in it.

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