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“Should I have my furniture touched up?”

Q I have a number of antiques and collectibles that are showing wear. Are there repairs that I could have professionally done that would spruce up their appearance without harming their value?

A Yes, there's quite a bit that can be done with no loss of value. The most common appearance problems are accumulated wax and dirt, dings and nicks, and surface wear, including loss of sheen.

Furniture repair specialists can safely clean even years of wax and grime from the finish without damaging or removing it. They can fill small chips and nicks with tinted finish so that they virtually disappear, and color match areas where the finish has rubbed off.

Surface wear often consists of a myriad of very fine scratches, which appears to the eye as a loss of gloss. These surfaces can be rubbed out, French polished, or over coated to restore the original shine and beauty.

The good news is that all these repairs can be done with materials that are completely reversible, one of the major requirements of repairs on valuable antiques. The upshot is that you get to enjoy your favorite pieces in top condition, without sacrificing their resale value.. It's like having your cake, and eating it too.