Removing A Dent From Butcher Block Is Painless

If you dropped a heavy object on your butcher block or a dent occurred during delivery transit or installation, following these 3 easy steps to remove a dent in your butcher block is great.

The Process? Steam penetrates the butcher blocks, causing the natural wood fibers to expand (this is why sanding down the oil finish is important). Removing a dent in a butcher block may require repeating the steaming process a few times. Steaming may not remove the dent completely, every time, but it can significantly improve the appearance.

Step **1**



Sand The Dent To Remove Any Finish

- For butcher blocks with a natural oil finish, sand lightly with 220 grit sandpaper to remove oil from dented area.
- For butcher blocks with a varnish, use 150 grit sandpaper making sure to expose the raw wood in and around the dent.
- Always sand in the direction of the wood grain
- Remove after-dust with a damp cloth

Step **2**



Steam The Dent With A Hot Iron & Water

- Turn your iron on to the highest setting.
- Fill dent with water, let sit for 90 seconds.
- Place a dampened cotton towel, folded in half, over the dented area.
- Iron in circular motions until the cloth is dry, usually 1 minute, never letting the iron come in contact with the wood.
- Remove the cloth & examine the dent, repeat 3-4 times in=f needed for best results.

Step **3**



Finish By Lightly Sanding & Applying Finisher

- All or most of the dent should be lifted after steaming.
- Lightly sand the area with 220 grit sandpaper, sanding with the wood grain.
- Wipe clean with a dampened cotton cloth.
- Finish with the finish of choice by following the same finish process originally used.