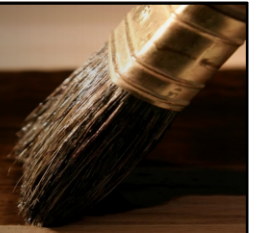


APPLICATION GUIDE: STAIN & VARNISH WOOD



Tools Checklist:

- 100-150 Grit & 320-400 Grit Sandpaper
- Tack Cloths
- Lint-Free Rags
- Nitrile Gloves
- Paint Brushes or Foam Brushes
- Floor Applicator for Varnish (if needed)

Preparation:

1. Sand the wood only in the direction of the wood's grain with 100-150 Grit Sandpaper.
2. Remove all the dust from sanding using Tack Cloth(s).

Additional Preparation for Oak:

3. Wipe the wood with a wet, Lint-Free Rag to remove the dust leaving the wood very damp.
After the wood is dry, the grain will be heavily raised.
4. Sand the wood only in the direction of the wood's grain with 100-150 Grit Sandpaper.
5. Wipe the wood with a wet, Lint-Free Rag to remove the dust leaving the wood very damp.
After the wood is dry, the grain will be slightly raised.
6. Sand the wood only in the direction of the wood's grain with 100-150 Grit Sandpaper.
7. Remove all the dust from sanding using Tack Cloth(s).

Stain Application:

1. Use a Lint-Free Rag, Foam Brush or Paint Brush to apply the stain.
2. Apply an even coat of stain always maintaining a wet edge. (use "typewriter" method)
3. Make your final passes from start to finish running with the direction of the wood's grain.
It is imperative that the stain is consistent in colour and opacity, and has no visible streaks or light spots.
4. Allow the stain to dry thoroughly.
Water-based stains require a minimum of 2-4 hours* to dry properly (allow longer if staining Oak)
Oil-based stains require a minimum of 8-24 hours* to dry properly (allow longer if staining Oak)
5. Once the stain is dry DO NOT sand the wood.

Varnish Application:

1. Use a quality Paint Brush, Foam Brush, or Floor Applicator (if varnishing a floor) to apply the varnish.
2. Apply an even coat of varnish always maintaining a wet edge. (use "typewriter" method)
3. Make your final passes from start to finish running with the direction of the wood's grain.
It is important that the varnish is consistent in sheen, colour density, and has no visible application streaks.
4. Allow the varnish to dry thoroughly. (do not apply another coat if the previous coat is tacky anywhere)
Water-based varnishes require a minimum of 2-4 hours* to dry properly.
Oil-based varnishes require a minimum of 4-24 hours* to dry properly.
5. After the first coat of varnish is fully dry, apply a second coat following steps 1-4 in this section.
6. Once the second coat is fully dry, gently sand the varnish only in the direction of the wood's grain with 320 or 400 Grit Sandpaper.
7. Remove all the dust from sanding using Tack Cloth(s).
8. Apply the final coat of varnish following steps 1-4 in this section.
9. Allow the varnish to fully cure for a minimum of 24 hours* for furniture and 15 days* for rugs.

* Drying & curing times double if humidity is present.



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