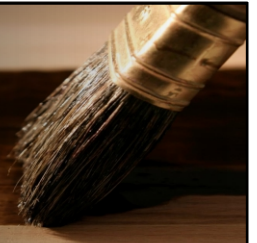


APPLICATION GUIDE: STAIN & VARNISH WOOD



Tools Checklist:

- 100-150 Grit & 320-400 Grit Sandpaper
- Tack Cloths
- Lint-Free Rags
- Nitrile Gloves
- Paint Brushes or Foam Brushes

Preparation:

1. Sand the wood only in the direction of the 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, you can feel the grain is heavily raised.
4. Sand the wood only in the direction of the grain with 100-150 Grit Sandpaper.
5. Repeat Steps 3 & 4 until the grain no longer raises after being wet.
6. 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 in the direction of the wood's grain while maintaining a wet edge.
3. Make your final passes from start to finish running with the direction of the wood's grain.
4. If staining wood that is vertical, always apply the stain starting from the bottom working upwards.
It is imperative that the stain be consistent in colour, opacity, and have no visible streaks or light spots.
5. 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)
6. Once the stain is dry DO NOT sand the wood.

Varnish Application:

1. Use a quality Paint Brush to apply the varnish.
2. Apply an even coat of varnish always maintaining a wet edge.
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 1-3 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 making sure not to sand down to the stain.
7. Remove all the dust from sanding using Tack Cloth(s).
8. Apply the final coat of varnish following Steps 1-3 in this section.
9. Allow the varnish to fully cure for a minimum of 24 hours* for furniture and 10 days* for rugs.

* Drying & curing times double if humidity is present.



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