

INTERIOR WOOD STAINS AND FINISHES FAQ'S

Pre-Stain Conditioner

What does a pre-stain do? Why should I use it?

Pre-stain conditioner seals raw wood before it is stained in order to promote even and consistent stain penetration. It helps prevent streaks, blotches and uneven colour.

When do I apply pre-stain?

This product should be applied to raw wood prior to staining.

How long do I let the pre-stain dry before applying the stain?

After applying the conditioner, let it dry for 10-20 minutes before applying the wood stain.

How many coats of pre-stain conditioner should I apply?

One coat is all that needed to prepare the wood for staining.

Water-Based Wood Stain

What are the benefits of a water-based stain?

Water-based stains offer a variety of rich colours with fast dry time, easy water clean-up, and lower odour than traditional oil-based stains.

Do I need to prep the wood before staining?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to staining. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A quality brush, foam applicator or lint free rag are ideal for applying the stain

How many coats of water-based stain should I apply?

Only one coat is required to achieve the target colour. However, an additional coat can be applied to achieve a deep, richer colour.

Is a protective sealer/topcoat required after staining?

Yes, all interior wood stains require a protective topcoat.

How long do I let the stain dry before applying a topcoat?

Let the stain dry for at least 1 hour before protecting the surface with a clear topcoat.

Water-Based Stain & Poly in One

What are the benefits of a using water-based stain & poly in one?

Water-based stain & poly in one combines a stain and clear topcoat in one easy step. The product offers a variety of rich colours with fast dry time, easy water clean-up, and lower odour than traditional oil-based stains.

What types of projects can this product be used for?

This unique product is ideal for projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding and trim.

Do I need to prep the wood before staining?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to staining. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality synthetic brush is necessary for applying the stain & poly in one.

How many coats of water-based stain & poly in one should I apply?

Two coats are required to achieve the target colour. However, a third coat can be applied to deepen the colour if desired.

Is a protective sealer/topcoat required after staining?

No, this is a two in one product that already provides clear topcoat protection.

How long does the stain & poly in one take to dry?

Let each coat dry for at least 1 hour. See product label for specific details.

Water-Based Polyurethane

What types of projects can a Polyurethane be used for?

This product adds a clear protective finish and is ideal for water-based interior projects such as wood furniture, cabinets, molding, trim, doors and residential floors.

What are the benefits of using a polyurethane?

This product can be used to protect stained or unstained wood and resists stains and scratches.

Do I need to prep the wood before applying polyurethane?

Depending on your surface condition, some sanding may be required prior to adding the topcoat. Refer to product label instructions for specific details.

What type of application tools do I need?

A high-quality natural bristle brush is necessary for applying the polyurethane.

How many coats of polyurethane should I apply?

Two coats are required to achieve proper surface protection.

How long does the polyurethane take to dry?

Allow 12-24 hours of dry time after final coat has been applied.