

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE OF “READY TO FINISH” FURNITURE. WE WANT TO GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE THAT WILL ENABLE YOU TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULTS IN YOUR PROJECT.

YOUR FURNITURE IS PART OF NATURE'S HANDIWORK. EVERY ITEM HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE GRAIN PATTERN AND COLOR. DARK GRAINS AND KNOTS ARE A PART OF THE CHARACTER OF WOOD AND WERE PUT THERE YEARS AGO BY THE TREE BRANCHES AND THE TWISTING OF THE WIND, WHICH CAUSES TREES TO BEND. EACH PIECE OF SOLID WOOD FURNITURE IS AN ORIGINAL.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS PRODUCTS (STAIN, PAINT, WAX, GEL, POLY, ETC) AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO FINISH YOUR FURNITURE. ASK YOUR LOCAL MERCHANT TO HELP YOU IN PRODUCT SELECTION BASED ON YOUR PARTICULAR NEEDS.

READ AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS OF YOUR FINISHING MATERIAL. THE FINISH MANUFACTURER REALLY DOES KNOW HIS OWN PRODUCT BEST, READ FINISHING DIRECTIONS COMPLETELY. TAKE YOUR TIME TO FINISH, REMEMBER DON'T RUSH – IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER, BUT YOU WILL BE PROUD OF THE RESULTS.

★★ **Easy finishing idea:** For a natural wood finish, use a Finishing Wax. Sand the wood, then apply a thin, even coat of paste wax with a lint-free cloth or brush along the grain. Let it dry to a haze (15–30 minutes). Buff with a clean cloth for a smooth, polished surface. Apply additional coats for more durability and shine.

SURFACE PREPARATION ALTHOUGH ALL PIECES ARE SANDED, THEY WILL NEED ADDITIONAL “FINISH” SANDING. CHECK ALL SURFACES FOR MINOR SPLITS, CHIPS OR DENTS. SAND OR FILL WITH WOOD FILLER. MAKE SURE THE RESIDUE FROM THE FILLER IS SANDED SMOOTH. START SANDING WITH MEDIUM SAND PAPER (#120) AND THEN FINISH WITH FINE (#220) SANDPAPER. CHECK ALL SURFACES. IF AN ITEM HAS ANY FRIZZ OR ROUGHNESS, IT WILL SHOW WHEN STAINING, AND YOU MAY NOT BE SATISFIED WITH THE END RESULT. NEVER SKIP THE INITIAL SANDING OF ALL PARTS.

WIPE THE FURNITURE USING A TACK CLOTH (AVAILABLE AT PAINT & HARDWARE STORES) TO REMOVE ALL THE DUST CREATED BY SANDING.

STAIN PREP: BE SURE STAIN/PAINT IS STIRRED THOROUGHLY. SOME STAINS HAVE A HEAVY PIGMENT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE CAN. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO TAKE UP TO FIVE MINUTES TO MAKE SURE THE “MUD” IS DISSOLVED. THIS KEEPS THE STAIN COLOR CONSISTENT FROM THE TOP OF CAN TO THE BOTTOM. AS YOU ARE STAINING, PERIODICALLY STIR THE STAIN TO KEEP IT FROM SETTLING TO THE BOTTOM. WE RECOMMEND DOING A “DOODLE” AREA ON THE PIECE FIRST IN SOME INCONSPICUOUS

LOCATION (UNDER A SEAT OR TABLE TOP). THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO CHECK STAIN COLOR BEFORE PROCEEDING.

APPLICATION: YOU CAN ALMOST USE ANY TYPE OF RAG, COTTON WORKS BEST, APPROXIMATELY 10" SQUARE. (LARGER RAGS SOMETIMES GET IN THE WAY). STAIN ONE SURFACE AT A TIME AND DO THE HARDER AREAS FIRST. THERE IS NO PARTICULAR MOTION TO APPLYING THE STAIN. WE RECOMMEND TO DO A CROSS GRAIN FIRST AND THEN WITH THE GRAIN. AS YOU STAIN EACH AREA, WIPE EXCESS STAIN OFF WITH THE GRAIN, THEN MOVE TO ANOTHER AREA, AS YOU FINISH GO BACKOVER THE ENTIRE PIECE WITH A CLEAN RAG TO WIPE UP ALL EXCESS STAIN.

WHEN YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR FIRST COAT OF STAIN AND HAVE ALLOWED IT TO DRY, WIPE A COAT ON CLEAR FINISH ON YOUR "DOODLE" AREA. IF YOU LIKE THE FINISH AND FEEL THE COLOR IS FINE. ONE COAT IS ADEQUATE IF THE STAIN IS TOO LIGHT OR UNEVEN, A SECOND COAT OF STAIN MAY BE NEEDED AND A SECOND TEST USING 2 STAIN COATS IS RECOMMENDED.

TOP COAT: THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF TOPCOATS AVAILABLE. IDEALLY, IF YOU USE A OIL BASED STAIN THEN YOU WANT TO USE A OIL BASED TOP COAT. IF YOU USE A WATER BASED STAIN YOU CAN USE A WATER BASED TOPCOAT. A FLAT FINISH IS POPULAR AND WE RECOMMEND GENERAL FINISHES OR MINWAX BRANDS.

General Finishes High Performance Water Based Topcoat Dead Flat is a top-quality polyurethane topcoat that is perfect. This product has been voted as the hardest and most durable consumer polyurethane topcoat, making it the perfect choice for those who want a long-lasting finish.

Behr Matte Clear Fast Drying Oil-Based Interior Polyurethane is good if you need an oil based topcoat.

Varathane Paste Finishing Wax is another great easy option.

THERE ARE ENDLESS WAYS TO FINISH YOUR FURNITURE AND WE SINCERELY HOPE YOU LOVE THE END RESULT. IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING YOU WILL PASS ALONG TO THE NEXT GENERATION WITH A GREAT STORY TO GO ALONG WITH IT!