

Basic Woodworking

Wood finishing

Student's name _____

The wood finishing is one of the most important steps in finishing your project. It will enhance the beauty and praise from other people. The major difference between a plain project and one that is outstanding is often the difference in wood finishing.

To do a good job of wood finishing you must know:

1. The properties of the wood used in your project.
2. The unique characteristics of the finish you select.
3. The proper method of application.
4. A good eye for complimenting colors and or stain.

CLEANING A PAINT BRUSH

1. Remove as much material from the brush as possible by wiping the brush over the edge of the paint container.
2. Use a paper towel and wipe the brush.
3. Wash the brush in the correct cleaner (Teacher will tell you what to use).
Lacquer or sealer - use Lacquer Thinner.
Most all other paints use Mineral Spirits or paint thinner.
Water base stains and finishes use soap and water.
4. Wipe again with a paper towel.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 as often as necessary to clean the brush.
6. Wrap brush in a paper towel and return to storage.
7. Return cleaning solution to its container **DO NOT DUMP IN SINK.**
8. Never clean a nylon or Polyester brush in Lacquer Thinner , Paint remover or Acetone.

SAFETY

Here are some safety precautions you should follow:

1. Most wood finishing are **volatile** and therefore burn easily; therefore you should work in a well ventilated area. Be sure that there are no flames or sparks in the area.
2. Keep finishes and cleaners in a **closed container**. Leaving the container will cause the finishes to harden and render the rest useless.
3. Be sure to discard old rags in a **closed metal container** to prevent a possibility of a fire.

PAINT BRUSHES

TYPES OF PAINT BRUSHES:

Bristles should be oval in cross section, flagged (split) ends, and naturally tapered.

1. CHINESE HOG - best natural material for bristles.
2. NYLON - an excellent man made bristle.
3. POLYESTER - an excellent man made bristle.

