

THE 6 HOMEMADE PAINT AND FURNITURE FINISHING RECIPES YOU NEED

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Wood Polish or Wood Cleaner

Cleans and nourishes that wood, without the waxy build up. Store in an plastic or glass container. Works on leather and stainless steel too. Shake up before each use. Apply with a clean rag.

3/4 cup Olive Oil
1/4 cup Distilled White Vinegar
1 tbsp. Lemon Juice

Wood Wax or Wood Sealer

Grate or chop beeswax. Then melt in a double-boiler. Once melted, remove from heat and add oil. Mix completely and store in a glass container. Use a wax brush or clean rag to apply and buff to a smooth finish.

1/4 cup Beeswax
3/4 cup Olive Oil

Coffee or Tea and Steel Wool Stain

Put steel wool, vinegar and coffee or tea in large Mason Jar. Let sit for 3 days, shake well daily. Longer will darken the stain. You can strain with cheesecloth once desired color is reached. Shake well before using. Apply with foam brush. Protect with polyurethane.

2 pieces of Fine Steel Wool
1 Tablespoon Coffee Grounds or Steeped Tea
2 cups White Vinegar

Whitewash

Any color of latex can be used. Mix water and paint in a glass jar or plastic container. This is runny so use a brush, roller, or even a rag to apply in light layers. Be sure to wipe away all drips.

1 part Water
1 part Latex Paint (flat or matte)

Chalk Paint

Add PoP to warm water in a large Mason Jar. Stir, let the mixture dissolve and cool. Add Latex Paint and mix thoroughly. Mix before each use. Apply with foam brush or chalk paint brush. Sand lightly with fine grit sandpaper between coats. Protect with poly or wax.

1/4 cup of Warm Water
1/2 cup Plaster of Paris
2 cups Latex Paint (flat, matte, or eggshell work best)

Chalkboard Paint

Put grout in a clean container, use a plastic spoon or other hard object to break up lumps. Add Latex Paint, mix thoroughly, break up all lumps again. If too thick, add a bit more latex. Apply with a brush. Sand lightly with fine grit sandpaper between coats. Rub chalk all over surface before use.

1 tbsp Non-Sanded Grout
1 cup Latex Paint (flat, matte, or eggshell work best)