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## Rustins Danish Oil Finish

Some notes on using Danish Oil

- 1: Empty a 2 litre silver wine bladder. A push tap is less likely to clog than a twist tap. (Banrock Station Cab/Shiraz is recommended).  
Remove tap. Wash out the bladder and hang in the sun for a few days to dry.  
Shake tin to mix contents then decant into wine bladder. Insert tap and exclude all air.
- 2: Disposable vinyl gloves can be used for protection. Latex gloves will dissolve.
- 3: Decant small quantity from bladder to a small jar. This will keep waste to a minimum if it goes hard. White spirits is the solvent for Rustins Danish Oil
- 4: Sand the wooden item well. Minimum of 320 grit, up to 1200grit for the hard desert timbers. This is the important step to get a good finish.
- 5: Apply a liberal coat of oil with a brush and allow it to soak in, adding more oil if the wood soaks it up. This gives it a good drink. To stop the brushes drying out, keep them in another jar with a small amount of white spirits.
- 6: Allow the piece to dry until it starts to get sticky, then wipe off with a rag. Wait until it gets sticky, *don't wipe it of wet*. If it gets too dry to wipe clean, add a tiny amount of fresh oil. Allowing it to get sticky before wiping allows the Danish Oil to start building up on the surface of the wood.
- 7: Store rag in a sealed container. After a while the rag will become sticky and this will aid in the surface build up. An old T Shirt makes a good rag. 2 smaller rags are easier than one large one. *Beware* a pile of oily rags can start a fire due to spontaneous combustion. Discarded rags should be spread open and allowed to dry or soaked in water.
- 8: Wait a *minimum of 24 hours* to dry and apply the second coat following steps 5&6.
- 9: Wait *another 24 hours* and apply a third coat. Now comes the important step. Wait 6 to 12 hours after the last coat was wiped off. Fit a lambswool buff to a sanding Pad and polish the work. This can be done with the buff in a drill but it may be easier to mount the buff in a chuck on the lathe and hold the work against it. Cotton gloves are usefull to avoid fingerprints in the soft finish.
- 10: The best results are obtained with the buff when the Danish Oil is dry but still soft (6 to 12 hours).

These notes are to be used in conjunction with a practical demonstration by the author and are not intended to be used as a stand alone guide