

Technique 101

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Preparing a Wood Surface for Painting or Staining

It is worth the extra time to prepare wood for painting or staining. Following these steps will give a smooth even wood surface and a successful beginning to your painted project.

Materials

- Wood Surface
- Wood Filler, water bases
- Sealer
- Sandpaper, fine and medium
- Tack Cloth
- Paint
- Varnish

Instructions

1. Apply wood filler to any holes or uneven spots in the wood. Let dry.
2. Gently sand wood surface with medium sandpaper until smooth.
3. Apply one coat of wood sealer. Let dry.
4. Gently sand wood surface again with fine sandpaper. Remove all dust with a tack cloth.
5. Paint or stain to wood surface.
6. Apply 1-2 coats of varnish.

