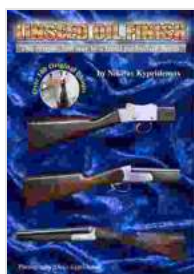


The Simple Fast Way To Hand Rubbed Oil Finish

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Choosing The Right Oil

The first step is to choose the right oil for your project. There are many different types of oil that can be used for hand-rubbed finishes, but not all of them are created equal. Some oils are more durable than others, and some are better suited for certain types of wood. Here are a few of the most popular types of oil for hand-rubbed finishes:

- **Tung oil:** Tung oil is a durable and water-resistant oil that is often used on furniture and other woodworking projects. It has a slightly amber color, and it can darken the wood over time.
- **Linseed oil:** Linseed oil is another popular choice for hand-rubbed finishes. It is less durable than tung oil, but it is also less expensive. Linseed oil has a slightly yellow color, and it can also darken the wood over time.
- **Danish oil:** Danish oil is a blend of tung oil and linseed oil. It is a good choice for projects that will be exposed to a lot of wear and tear. Danish oil has a slightly amber color, and it can darken the wood over time.
- **BLO (boiled linseed oil):** BLO is a type of linseed oil that has been boiled to remove the impurities. It is more durable than regular linseed oil, and it has a slightly darker color.

Preparing The Wood

Once you have chosen the right oil, you need to prepare the wood for finishing. This involves sanding the wood to a smooth finish. You should start with a coarse grit sandpaper (120-150 grit) and work your way up to a fine grit sandpaper (220-320 grit). Once the wood is sanded smooth, you need to wipe it down with a tack cloth to remove any dust.

Applying The Oil

Now it's time to apply the oil. You can do this with a brush, a rag, or a sponge. If you are using a brush, use a soft-bristled brush that won't scratch the wood. If you are using a rag, use a clean, lint-free rag. Apply

the oil in thin, even coats. Don't worry about getting the oil into all the nooks and crannies. You can do that later.

Rubbing In The Oil

Once you have applied the oil, you need to rub it into the wood. You can do this with a clean, lint-free rag. Rub the oil in a circular motion, making sure to get it into all the nooks and crannies. You should rub the oil in until it is no longer absorbed by the wood.

Buffing The Finish

Once the oil has been rubbed in, you need to buff the finish. You can do this with a clean, lint-free rag or a buffing wheel. Buff the finish in a circular motion, making sure to get all the excess oil off. You should buff the finish until it is smooth and shiny.

Drying Time

The oil finish will need to dry for several hours before it is fully cured. The drying time will vary depending on the type of oil that you used. Tung oil typically takes 24 hours to dry, while linseed oil takes 48 hours to dry. Danish oil takes about 12 hours to dry. Once the oil finish is dry, it will be hard and durable.

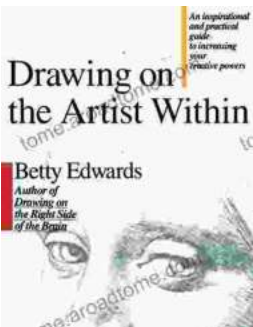
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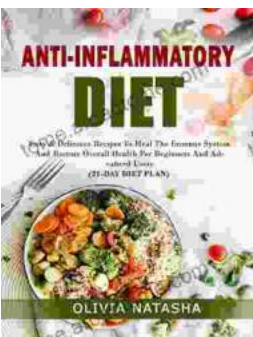
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