# **HOW TO USE WALRUS OIL WOOD FINISHES**

## QUICK GUIDE

#### WOOD PREPARATION

All hardwoods need to be properly kiln dried or air dried until moisture levels are under 10%. A higher moisture level will cause finishes to take much longer to dry.

To prevent raised grain, use the sand-wet-sand method before applying any finishes. Sand wood surface between 120 - 220, wet surface with water to raise the grain, let it dry, then sand surface again between 220 - 600 to remove the raised grain. The higher the sanding grit, the tighter the surface will seal and smoother the surface should feel.

#### **APPLY FINISH**

Basic application is almost the same for all of our finishes. Pour a small amount of oil or apply a pinch of wax directly to wood surface. Begin working it into the wood by hand with a rag or with an electric buffer until all surfaces are covered with a very thin layer. A little bit goes a long way, so start with small amounts and only apply more until all surfaces are covered.

#### START INITIAL CURING PROCESS

Before applying additional coats or other finishes, allow finish to start curing. For faster dry time you can mix a small amount of natural solvent with our finishes. Note, surface won't start to feel dry to touch until after buffing away excess residue, explained in next step.

Initial cure times before buffing away excess: 12 - 24 Hours - Cutting Board Oil 24 - 48 Hours - Furniture Finish, Furniture Butter, Cabin Walls & Hardwood Floors 15 Minutes - Wood Wax 1 Hour - Furniture Wax

#### **BUFF AWAY EXCESS**

An electric buffer is highly recommended with this step, especially with our wax products. Buff away any excess oil or wax residue for several minutes until surface feels relatively dry to touch. In most cases, surface should feel "mostly" dry to touch after buffing away excess, however you may feel a faint residue but no standing oil or wax.

## **COATING ADVISE**

#### NUMBER OF COATS BASED ON PRODUCT

See the schedule on the next page for more coating advice per product

#### APPLYING ADDITIONAL COATS OR OTHER FINISHES

When applying additional coats or other finishes, simply use the aforementioned steps above. Below is general recommendations on coats and which finishes you should use together.

If additional coats or other finishes are not needed, move to "Complete Curing Process".



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## COATS

#### Cutting Board Oil | 1 - 2 coats

- Use as standalone
- Before Wood Wax

Wood Wax for Cutting Boards | 1 coat - Use after Cutting Board Oil

#### Furniture Finish | 1 - 2 coats

- Use as standalone
- Before Furniture Butter
- Before Furniture Wax

- Before Furniture Butter + Furniture Wax Note, Furniture Finish is designed as a penetrating oil and is not a strong waterproofer on its own.

#### Furniture Butter | 1 - 2 coats

- Use as standalone
- Between Furniture Finish and Furniture Wax - Before Furniture Wax.

#### Furniture Wax | 1 coat

Use after Furniture Finish and/or Furniture Butter

#### Cabin Walls and Hardwood Floors | 1 - 2 coats indoor use

2 - 4 coats for outdoor use

## STRONG WATER PROTECTION

#### For Stronger Water Protection

Using our cutting board finishes - 2 coats of Cutting Board Oil + 1 coat of Wood Wax

#### Using our furniture finishes

- 2 coats of Furniture Butter + 1 coat of Furniture Wax (if wood is really thirsty start with 1 coat of Furniture Finish)

## **COMPLETE CURING PROCESS**

#### Cutting Board Oil, Wood Wax

Since these finishes are non-polymerizing, they should feel relatively dry to touch within a week, however they are not designed to completely cure.

# Furniture Finish, Furniture Butter, Furniture Wax, Cabin Walls & Hardwood Floors

Depending on temperature and humidity levels, dry times can differ dramatically. In most cases wood should feel dry to touch within a week, but can take up to 4 weeks to scientifically cure. Therefore we recommend keeping the wood away from water contact for 4 weeks. As mentioned before, you can speed up cure times by mixing our finishes with a small amount of natural solvent.



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