

STAINED WOOD GARDEN TOTE

Turn a simple tool box into a decorative container for your favorite flowers. All you need is one coat of Varathane Premium Fast Dry Wood Stain for a beautiful finish.

Stained Wood Garden Tote



Bring the outdoors to your home décor with a beautifully stained flower jar container.

ITEMS:

- Varathane Premium Fast Dry Wood Stain in Kona
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane in Clear Matte
- Unfinished wood tool box
- Mason jars
- Drop cloth
- Sandpaper
- Tack cloth
- Lint-free cloths
- Disposable Nitrile gloves
- Stir stick
- Flowers

STEPS:

PREPARE: Start with #120 grit sandpaper and progress through finer, higher grits to lightly sand the unfinished tool box. Always sand in the direction of the wood grain. Before staining, wipe off the sanding dust with a tack cloth.

STAIN: Stir the stain thoroughly before and occasionally during use. Apply one coat of stain liberally with a clean lint-free cloth or high quality brush. Allow to penetrate for 2-3 minutes then remove excess by wiping with a cloth in the direction of the grain. Longer penetration times will lead to a darker color.

FINISH: Let dry for one hour before applying top coat. For long lasting protection and durability, use any Varathane Polyurethane to match your desired look. Allow your freshly stained tote to cure fully before adding your floral decorations.

SKILL LEVEL
BEGINNER

PROJECT TIME
<1.5 HRS

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STAINED BRIARSMOKE CRATE SHELVES

Keep a kids room organized on a budget with these stained crate shelves.



A messy kids playroom can be a challenge to organize. Keep it all together with these simple and stylish crate shelves stained with Varathane 3X Wood Stain.

ITEMS

- Crates
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Sandpaper (#120, #150, & #180 Grits)
- Drop Cloth
- Tack Cloth
- Lint-Free Cloth
- Synthetic Bristle Paint Brush
- Stir Stick

1.PREPARE: Always work in a well-ventilated area, like your garage, and use a drop cloth to protect from stain. Before you begin, sand the crates with sandpaper in the direction of the wood grain, working your way up through #120, #150, and #180 grits. Use a tack cloth to wipe away the sanding dust in between each grit.

2.STAIN: Stir or shake your Varathane 3X Wood Stain thoroughly. Then, use a lint-free cloth or brush to apply a generous amount of stain to the crates, working in manageable sections. Let the stain sit for a few minutes and then wipe away the excess with a clean rag. Always wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Once the crates are completely stained, set it aside to dry for one hour.

3.POLYURETHANE: Once your crates are dry, stir your Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane with a stir stick. Then, apply the polyurethane with a brush in one smooth, even coat. Be sure to brush in the direction of the wood grain.

4.FINISH: Let the polyurethane cure for 48 hours before attaching crates to the wall with screws or nails. For extra strength make sure to attach directly to a stud in the wall.

As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Briarsmoke & Triple Thick Polyurethane in Satin



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STAINED NAVY WOODEN CRATE

This stained crate will be a life-saver at your next party.

Wooden crates make a great cost-effective storage solution for your home. But, did you know you can also use them for parties? Whether it's holding paper plates and utensils or serving as a cute refreshment station, a stained crate can be a party life-saver. Here's how to make this blue crate for your next party.

ITEMS

- Crate
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Sandpaper (#120, #150, & #180 Grits)
- Drop Cloth
- Tack Cloth
- Lint-Free Cloth
- Synthetic Bristle Paint Brush
- Stir Stick

1.PREPARE: Always work in a well-ventilated area, like your garage, and use a drop cloth to protect from stain. Before you begin, sand the crate with sandpaper, working your way up through #120, #150, and #180 grits. Use a tack cloth to wipe away the sanding dust in between each grit.

2.STAIN: Stir or shake your **Varathane 3X Wood Stain** thoroughly. Then, use a lint-free cloth or brush to apply a generous amount of stain to the crate, working in manageable sections. Let the stain sit for a few minutes and then wipe away the excess with a clean rag. Always wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Once the crate is completely stained, set it aside to dry for one hour.

3.POLYURETHANE: Once your crate is dry, stir your **Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane** with a stir stick. Then, apply the polyurethane with a brush in one smooth, even coat. Be sure to brush in the direction of the wood grain.

4.FINISH: Let the polyurethane cure for 48 hours before using the crate.

As shown Varathane
3X Wood Stain in Worn Navy &
Triple Thick Polyurethane in Satin

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MAKE THIS CHEAP CHALKBOARD PARTY TABLE FROM SCRATCH

This large chalkboard table is the perfect way to display treats at your next party!



When hosting a party, there's never enough table space for all the food and drinks. Here's a cheap chalkboard-top table that you can make in a few steps so you'll never have to stress over table space again. Plus, when the party's over, you can break it down for easy storage.

ITEMS

- (2) Wood Sawhorses
- Large Piece of Plywood (For the Tabletop)
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Chalkboard Brush-On
- Sandpaper (#120, #150, & #180 Grits)
- Tack Cloth
- Drop Cloth
- Drill & Screws (Optional)
- Stir Sticks
- Lint-Free Cloth
- Synthetic Bristle Paint Brush

1. PREPARE: Always work in a well-ventilated area and use a drop cloth to protect from drips, spills, and splatter. Sand each sawhorse thoroughly, working your way up through #120, #150, and #180 grit sandpaper. Wipe away the sanding dust with a tack cloth after finishing with each grit.

2. STAIN: Stir or shake your **Varathane 3X Wood Stain** thoroughly. Working in manageable sections, use a lint-free cloth or brush to apply a generous amount of stain onto the first sawhorse. Let the stain sit on the surface for a few minutes, and then wipe away the excess with a clean cloth in the direction of the wood grain. Repeat this step on the second sawhorse, then set them aside to dry for at least one hour.

3. POLYURETHANE: Once the sawhorses are dry, stir (do not shake) your can of **Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane**. Use a brush to apply an even coat of poly to both sawhorses. Be sure to apply the polyurethane in the direction of the wood grain and in one thick, uniform coat. Set the sawhorses aside to dry completely for 48 hours.

4. PAINT: Stir the **Chalkboard Brush-On** paint thoroughly with a stir stick. Then, use a foam roller to apply the paint to the plywood. Avoid excessive rolling and use light, even strokes for an even and smooth finish. Wait 2-4 hours, and then apply a second coat. Repeat once more, so you have three solid coats of paint on the table.

Tip: Prop the tabletop up on two buckets to make it easier to paint.

5. CONDITION: Let the chalkboard paint cure completely for three days. Then, rub the side of a piece of chalk over the entire surface and erase with a chalkboard eraser or dry cloth. This will condition the surface so it's ready for use.

6. FINISH: Now that the sawhorses and tabletop are completely dry, simply slide the tabletop on top of the sawhorse to complete the table. If you want to secure the table-top, use a drill and screws to attach it to the sawhorses.

As shown Specialty Chalkboard Brush-On Paint in Black, Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane in Satin & 3X Wood Stain in Worn Navy

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HOW TO MAKE A BATHROOM ORGANIZER WITH CRATES

You can make this chic bathroom organizer for a fraction of what you'd pay at a home store!



The bathroom is one place that can always use more storage space. Luckily, this bathroom organizer has lots of room to store all of your towels, toiletries, and more. Here's how you can make it:

ITEMS

- Varathane 3X Premium Wood Stain – Cognac
- Varathane 3X Premium Wood Stain - Weathered Gray
- Varathane Matte Soft Touch Polyurethane
- Piece of Plywood (Cut to Size to Fit Base of Organizer)
- Various Sized Wooden Crates
- Sandpaper (#120, #150, & #180 Grits)
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush
- Sanding Sponge
- Lint-Free Rags
- Latex Gloves
- Tack Cloth
- Drop Cloth
- Casters
- Drill
- Screws
- Drill Bits
- Adjustable Wrench
- Stir Stick

1. PREPARE: Setup your workspace in a well-ventilated area and use a drop cloth to protect the floor from stain. When staining, always follow the directions on the can to properly dispose of your rags and brushes.

2. SAND: Sand each crate thoroughly, working your way up through #120, #150, and #180 grit sandpaper. Wipe away the sanding dust with a tack cloth in between each grit. Once you've finished sanding, use your tack cloth to give the crate one last wipe-down.

3. STAIN: Shake or stir your can of **Varathane 3X Premium Wood Stain** in Cognac thoroughly. Then, use your brush or lint-free rag to apply a liberal amount of stain onto the first crate. Working in manageable sections, let the stain sit on the wood for a few minutes, and then wipe it away with a clean rag. Finish staining half of your crates in Cognac, then repeat this step on the other crates with **Varathane 3X Premium Wood Stain** in Weathered Gray. Remember to also stain your piece of plywood. Then, let everything dry for at least an hour.

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4. PROTECT: Now that your crates are dry, you can add a protective finish with **Varathane Matte Soft Touch Polyurethane**. Stir your polyurethane thoroughly with a stir stick. Then, use a clean high quality brush to apply a uniform coat to the crates, working in the direction of the wood grain. Do not over brush. Let the finish dry for two hours (it should be clear), and then apply a second coat. Let the crates dry for at least 48 hours before moving to the next step.

5. BUILD: Stack the crates in the desired pattern upside down (so that the base of the organizer is facing up). Then, secure your crates together one at a time with a drill.
Tip: It's easiest to first secure the crates together vertically, and then secure the left and right columns together.

6. FINISH: Now that your crates are secured, place the piece of plywood on top of the crates (this will be the bottom once they're flipped right-side up) and secure it to the crates with a drill. Fasten casters to each of the four corners of the base. Then, flip your organizer back over and enjoy!

DIY RECLAIMED FENCE PANEL DECK ART

Give your deck a touch of character with this reclaimed deck art.



This unique piece of reclaimed art is the perfect way to adorn your deck for the spring. Here's how to get this look in a few steps.

ITEMS

- Varathane 3x Premium Wood Stain – Kona
- Varathane Spar Urethane
- 5 Dog-Eared Fence Pickets
- Sandpaper (#120, #150, & #180 Grits)
- (1) 12" x 12" Square of Luan Wood
- (1) 8" x 8" Square of Luan Wood
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush
- Lint-Free Cloth
- Drop Cloth
- Saw
- Drop Cloth
- Tack Cloth
- Wood Glue
- Drill & 1" Screws

1. PREPARE: Always work in a well-ventilated area and cover your workspace with a drop cloth to protect it from drips. Sand your fence pickets with sandpaper, working your way up through #120, #150, and #180 grits. Wipe away the sanding dust with a tack cloth after each grit of sandpaper.

2. CUT: Use the saw to cut four pickets down to 36" in length. Then, cut your last picket into two pieces, each long enough to span horizontally across the first four pickets.

3. STAIN: Stir or shake your Varathane 3x Premium Wood Stain in Kona thoroughly. Then, use your brush or lint-free cloth to apply a generous amount of stain to the first picket. Let the stain sit for a few minutes and then wipe it away with a lint-free cloth. Always apply and wipe away stain in the direction of the wood grain. Repeat this step on each of the remaining pickets. Let the pickets dry for at least two hours.

4. ATTACH: Next, line up your four 36" pickets side-by-side (vertically). Then, use the drill and screws to attach the two smaller pickets horizontally to the back of the other four (the first picket should be 8" from the top, the second picket should be 8" from the bottom), creating a fence panel.

5. TOPCOAT: To protect your deck art from the elements, you'll want to add a topcoat of Varathane Spar Urethane. Stir the urethane thoroughly with a stir stick, then use a brush to apply a thick even coat to the fence panel and both luan wood squares. Set everything aside to dry for 24 hours.

6. FINISH: Once everything is dry, attach your 12" luan wood square (in diamond orientation) toward the top of the fence panel with a drill and screws. Next, center the 8" square on top of the 12" square and attach it with wood glue. Let the glue dry according to its label's instructions. Then, display your new reclaimed art on your deck and enjoy!

CRAFTY CRATE

GET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOWING

Options are endless when it comes to uses for a wooden crate. Use a variety of Varathane 3X Wood Stain colors to personalize your project.

ITEMS

- Drop Cloth
- Gloves
- Painter's Tape
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush
- Clean Lint Free Rags
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Tack Cloth
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Wood Crate

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Cover the floor and nearby items with drop cloths.
- 2. SAND:** Sand the surface of the crate lightly, progressing through 120, 180, and 220-grit sandpaper. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Remove sanding dust between each grit of sandpaper by lightly dragging the tack cloth across the surface.
- 3. STAIN:** Start with the inside of the crate. Tape off the outside wood panels. Using a clean, lint-free rag, generously cover the desired crate areas with wood stain. Let the stain sit for 3-5 minutes (or as

instructed on the label) then wipe off any excess using a clean rag. Tip: Wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Let dry for 1 hour. Remove tape from outside wood panels. Tape off the wood panels on the inside of the crate. Following the same steps, apply stain to the outside panels. Let dry for 1 hour. Remove tape from inside crate.

- 4. PROTECT:** Protect your crate by applying 1 coat of Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane using a high quality synthetic bristle brush. Allow approximately 2 hours to dry to touch. Allow 48 hours to cure before moderate use of project and 7 days for total cure.

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As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Vintage Aqua, Worn Navy, Rustic Sage, Bleached Blue and Varathane Triple Thick Satin Polyurethane

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STEP STOOL

TRANSFORM YOUR PROJECT FROM DULL TO VIBRANT

In a few simple steps, you can add a pop of color to your home with the newest trendy colors of Varathane 3X Wood Stain.

ITEMS

- Drop Cloth
- Gloves
- Clean Lint Free Rags
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Tack Cloth
- Painter's Tape
- Varathane Triple Thick Satin Polyurethane
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain (Vintage Aqua and Weathered Gray pictured)
- Wood Step Stool

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Cover the floor and nearby items with drop cloths.
- 2. SAND:** Sand the surface of the stool lightly, progressing through 120, 180, and 220-grit sandpaper. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Remove sanding dust between each grit of sandpaper by lightly dragging the tack cloth across the surface.
- 3. STAIN:** Tape off legs of step stool. Using a clean, lint-free rag, generously cover the stool top with Vintage Aqua stain. Let the stain sit for 3-5

minutes (or as instructed on the label) then wipe off any excess stain using a clean rag. Wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Ensure that all excess stain is removed from the surface. Remove tape from legs. Following the same steps, apply Weathered Gray stain to the legs. Let dry for 1 hour.

- 4. PROTECT:** Protect your step stool by applying 1 coat of Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane. Allow approximately 2 hours to dry to touch. Allow 48 hours to cure before moderate use of project and 7 days for total cure.

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AFTER



As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Vintage Aqua, Weathered Gray and Varathane Triple Thick Satin Polyurethane

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TRENDY TRAY

IMPRESS YOUR GUESTS WITH A CHIC SERVING TRAY

Trays can be used for serving or as décor. Use the Varathane 3X Wood Stain color of your choice to create a trend forward piece in a few easy steps.

ITEMS

- Drop Cloth
- Gloves
- Clean Lint Free Rags
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Tack Cloth
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Wood Tray
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Cover the floor and nearby items with drop cloths.
- 2. SAND:** Sand the surface of the tray lightly, progressing through 120, 180, and 220-grit sandpaper. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Remove sanding dust between each grit of sandpaper by lightly dragging the tack cloth across the surface.
- 3. STAIN:** Using a clean, lint-free rag, generously cover the tray with wood stain. Let the stain sit for 2-3 minutes (or as instructed on the label) then wipe off any excess using a clean rag. Tip: Wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Let dry for 1 hour.
- 4. PROTECT:** Protect your tray by applying 1 coat of Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane using a high quality synthetic bristle brush. Allow approximately 2 hours to dry to touch. Allow 48 hours to cure before moderate use of project and 7 days for total cure.

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As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Kona, and Varathane Triple Thick Semi-Gloss Polyurethane

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WINE RACK

ADD CHIC DÉCOR TO YOUR WINE COLLECTION

All it takes is one coat of stain to create a fabulous display for your bottles. Choose from any color in the Varathane 3X Wood Stain Palette.

ITEMS

- Drop Cloth
- Gloves
- Clean Lint Free Rags
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Tack Cloth
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Wine Rack
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Cover the floor and nearby items with drop cloths.
- 2. SAND:** Sand the surface of the wine rack lightly, progressing through 120, 180, and 220-grit sandpaper. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Remove sanding dust between each grit of sandpaper by lightly dragging the tack cloth across the surface.
- 3. STAIN:** Using a clean, lint-free rag, generously cover the wine rack with wood stain. Let the stain sit for 2-3 minutes (or as instructed on the label) then wipe off any excess using a clean rag. Tip: Wipe in the direction of the wood grain. Let dry for 1 hour.
- 4. PROTECT:** Protect your wine rack by applying 1 coat of Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane using a high quality synthetic bristle brush. Allow approximately 2 hours to dry to touch. Allow 48 hours to cure before moderate use of project and 7 days for total cure.

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As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Black Cherry, and Varathane Triple Thick Satin Polyurethane



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VINTAGE COAT HANGER

GIVE YOUR ENTRYWAY STORAGE AND STYLE

Organizing has never looked so good. In a few simple steps, give your home a trendy, vintage feel with the Varathane 3X Wood Stain color of your choice.

ITEMS

- Drop Cloth
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane
- Gloves
- Tack Cloth
- Wood Coat Hanger
- Clean Lint Free Rags
- Varathane 3X Wood Stain
- High Quality Synthetic Bristle Brush

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Cover the floor and nearby items with drop cloths.
- 2. SAND:** Sand the surface of the coat hanger lightly, progressing through 120, 180, and 220-grit sandpaper. Always sand in the direction of the grain. Remove sanding dust between each grit of sandpaper by lightly dragging the tack cloth across the surface.
- 3. STAIN:** Using a clean, lint-free rag, generously cover the coat hanger with wood stain. Let the stain sit for 3-5 minutes (or as instructed on the label) then wipe off any excess using a clean rag. Tip: Wipe in the direction of the wood grain.
- 4. DISTRESS:** After stain dries, sand corners and desired areas to give your project a vintage inspired look.
- 5. PROTECT:** Protect your coat hanger by applying 1 coat of Varathane Triple Thick Polyurethane using a high quality synthetic bristle brush. Allow approximately 2 hours to dry to touch. Allow 48 hours to cure before moderate use of project and 7 days for total cure.
- 6. FINISH:** Mount on your wall and enjoy!

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AFTER



As shown Varathane 3X Wood Stain in Worn Navy, and Varathane Triple Thick Semi-Gloss Polyurethane

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UPCYCLE DESK

CREATE A FUNCTIONAL SPACE WITH A POP OF COLOR

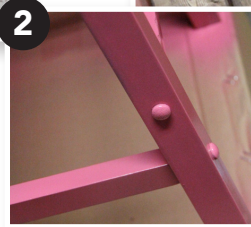
With spray paint, stain and a few simple supplies, you can create a stylish work space in one afternoon. Select your favorite color of Varathane Wood Stain and Painter's Touch Ultra Cover 2X spray paint and get started!

ITEMS

- Drop cloth
- 4 wood planks at 15" x 4"
- 2 stools
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Varathane Wood Stain
- Clean lint-free rags
- Painter's Touch Ultra Cover 2X spray paint
- Finishing nails and hammer
- Varathane Polyurethane

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Always work in a well-ventilated area. Lightly sand all wood surfaces in the direction of the grain progressing from 120-grit, to 180-grit, finishing with 220-grit sandpaper. Wipe clean with tack cloth, removing all dust.
- 2. PAINT:** Shake can for 1 minute after the ball begins to rattle. Hold can 10-16" from the surface and spray in a steady back and forth motion. For best results, apply 2 or more light coats a few minutes apart. Allow to dry for 1 hour.
- 3. STAIN:** Wipe one coat of Varathane Wood stain all over the boards with lint-free rag. Wait 2-3 minutes and wipe excess stain away with a clean rag. Allow stain to dry for 1 hour. For the best protection, finish with any Varathane Polyurethane.
- 4. FINISH:** Place boards on top of the stools, leaving approximately a 1" overhang on each side. Nail each board to the top of the stool, ensuring boards fit snugly together to create a flat work surface. For added storage, you can also create a shelf on the bottom rungs of the stool using the same technique. Allow your project to dry overnight before use.



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As shown Varathane Wood Stain in Kona; Painter's Touch Ultra Cover 2X Gloss Berry Pink; Varathane Soft-Touch Polyurethane Matte Finish

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CHALKBOARD PARTY TRAY

NOTE YOUR NIBBLES ON A HANDMADE TRAY

Personalize with any Varathane Wood Stain, easy to apply Chalkboard brush paint and stylish hardware. The perfect gift or addition to your party!

ITEMS

- Drop cloth
- Sandpaper (120, 180, and 220-grit)
- Wooden board (12" x 36")
- Varathane Wood Stain
- Clean lint-free rags
- Painter's tape
- Foam roller
- Rust-Oleum Chalk Board Paint
- Superglue or hardware
- Handles
- Chalk
- Varathane Polyurethane

STEPS

- 1. PREPARE:** Lightly sand all surfaces in the direction of the grain progressing from 120-grit, to 180-grit, finishing with 220-grit sandpaper. Wipe clean with tack cloth, removing all dust.
- 2. STAIN:** Wipe one coat of Varathane Wood Stain all over the board with lint-free rag. Wait 2-3 minutes and wipe excess stain away with clean rag. Allow stain to dry for 1 hour.
- 3. PAINT:** Tape off the edges with painter's tape. Brush on one coat of Chalkboard Paint. Wait one hour and apply a second coat. Repeat process with a third coat.
- 4. FINISH:** Allow paint to dry for at least 4 hours before adding handles (securing with glue or hardware). Then, allow paint to dry for 3 days. Once dry, condition your surface by rubbing the side of a piece of chalk over the entire surface and erasing. For best protection, finish only stained surfaces with any Varathane Polyurethane.

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As shown Varathane Wood Stain in Early American, Rust-Oleum Chalkboard Brush Paint and Varathane Satin Polyurethane.

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