

# Simple Steps for a Successful Staining Session

## Surface Preparation

- Clean your wood with a soap and water solution
- Rinse clean and allow to dry overnight
- Make sure that small drops of water easily soak into dry wood



## Stir your stain

- Stir the can and make sure to get all of the pigment off the bottom
- Stir every 15 minutes when using or each time you add stain to a sprayer



## Test before applying

- Stain a small area and allow to dry to test for color satisfaction

## Apply the stain

- Apply to horizontal surfaces (decks) with a stain pad or brush
- WIPE OFF ALL SHINY SPOTS WITHIN 30 MIN. DO NOT OVER-APPLY
- Use a rag to remove the shiny spots. Soak rags in water before disposal
- Apply to vertical surfaces (fences) with a pump sprayer.
- Back brush any runs to ensure an even application of stain



## Clean up

- DO NOT throw oil soaked rags and tools into the trash
- Immerse oil soaked rags in water, wring dry and lay out to dry in an open area away from all heat and sources of ignition
- Clean all tools (brush, pump sprayer) with Mineral Spirits

Preserva Wood transparent stains and Architect Series semi-transparent stains are high solids (75%), true oil based stains, based on natural seed oils and alkyd resins. They offer tremendous value and performance over similarly priced water based products (30-40% solids) that only treat the surface of your wood. Oil based stains penetrate deep into the wood to protect from within and will never blister or peel.

Please follow all instructions and call us toll free at 800-797-2537 if you have any questions.

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  - Color charts
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  - Additional product information
  
- Toll Free Help Line
  - 800-797-2537
  - Monday through Thursday, 9AM-4PM Pacific