

Our Secret Dark Wax Recipe

For Distressed Furniture

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Very few finishes can give a distressed piece of furniture that extra special touch of aged uniqueness like a dark wax finish. It has a way of elegantly aging new paint with a gorgeous and authentic patina, especially on lighter colors.

Angie and I are always looking for ways to add character to the furniture in our home without having to take out a loan to do it.

So, we buckled down and began looking for ways to formulate our own dark wax that we could use on our distressed furniture pieces and also share with our closest friends and special readers on our blog.

Well, if you're reading this it's because you're one of those people and we want you to know how much we value your time on our site and your friendship. We thank you again and we hope you enjoy making and using our dark wax recipe.

Angie and Chris



Materials Needed

Minwax paste furniture wax - natural color

Wood Stain (*we use Minwax Golden Oak - see more info on choosing your stain color below*)

Paintbrush and/or wax brush or clean, dry cloths

Tablespoon measuring spoon

Kitchen spoon or similar

The Recipe

2 Tablespoons Wax

1/2 Tablespoon Wood Stain

Pretty simple huh?

Well, it really is but it works great and there's nothing wrong with simple!

- Just mix the wax and stain together and use the spoon the mix. You have to mix good to get all of the clumps of wax mixed in with the stain.
- When you have it all mixed up it's not going to have the same semi-solid consistency as you had in the wax before. It's going to be a little more liquid than before but don't worry, it will still go on great and work like a charm.

Now, you're ready to apply the wax. There are two ways that we recommend.

You can apply it using a paintbrush, in which case you just want to paint it on your piece. Then begin

to rub the wax into the surface with a soft, clean dry cloth.

If you have tough to reach places such as intricate design work and crevices you can use a wax brush to get the wax in there but the paintbrush may do the trick.

Wait 10-15 minutes and then buff the item with a clean, dry cloth. Continue to buff until you get the desired sheen.

The other way is to just apply the wax with a cloth.

Just rub the wax all over the piece until you have covered the entire surface.

Let it dry for about 10-15 minutes and buff with a dry cloth to the desired sheen.

Notes

There are a lot of variations I'm sure you could come up with, especially regarding the color of stain you choose.

Again, we use the Golden Oak color because it is a middle tone stain that's not too light and not too dark.

However, the different shades of dark wax you can make are only limited by the shades of stain you have access to.

So, feel free to experiment with some other shades and come join us on the site at www.howtodistressfurniture.net and share your results. We would love to hear from you.

Thank You!

We thank you very much for downloading this book.

We hope you will enjoy the recipe and will have lots of fun making your own dark wax and turning your furniture pieces into masterpieces!

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See you there!