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Subject: Re: Staining problem

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Welllll...you have a couple of problems. It's fairly easy to lighten the panel with bleaching kits sold at paint stores but then it's hit and miss to get the same color density as the other panel. You can also put shellac over the stain and then use a honey amber or other dye stain to lighten the color. It's probably best to do both. Use a bit of the bleaching agent in a corner to try to find the right solution to lighten the color the proper amount. Then put a coat of blonde shellac on both panels and apply a water-based dye stain over it to get the color you want. If you have a Woodcraft or Rocklers, etc nearby there is always someone knowledgeable and eager to guide you through the toning process. Don't give up and reach for the sander. You won't believe how deep the stain went into the Pine and you will probably create a lot of low and high spots. Let us know how it turns out.

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