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Subject: Re: Who wants to hear about my test of pre-stains? Hands?

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2005 22:12:42 GMT

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Yeah, I actually did this for a DIY class at work. Pine, poplar and oak. The common folk all use oil based stains so it made sense. I had always thought that linseed and mineral spirits were just as good so why give Minwax the money. Was I wrong!Minwax pre-stain conditioner rules.Still way better to use dye stains in water unless grain-raising is a major issue like Purfling or Marquetry. Then use alcohol and be vewy, vewy careful.

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