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Subject: Re: Woodfinishing experts...seeking advice  
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Yeah, the water base stuff is pretty sterile insnt it! I've used it a on a couple different things and years later I look at them amazed that there just isnt anything to the finish other than clear. The advances in the water products gets better each year. There are some higher priced types out there that are acting more like a good finish. Some water borne lacquers even have complete burn in. I've only played with shellac a few times. Maybe Epstein Has more info on the shellac too. I know he likes those and uses them often. When I retire I'll do more with the different types and maybe some french polish as well. For speed, durability and import to me, colour. You cant beat catylized lacquer. One birch my personal choice would be a spar varnish. I like the way it looks with a little time. Bill

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