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

Posted by [Bill Epstein](#) on Mon, 14 Nov 2005 21:56:50 GMT

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Min-Wax Pre-Stain Conditioner beat Formby's, Boiled Linseed oil and Mineral Spirits 10/90 and 50/50 and Zinnser Amber Shellac. Yawn!

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

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2005 13:42:20 GMT

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What wood do you find needs pre-stain more? And what stain do you use on top? When using water-based aniline, I find lightly spraying the surface with water first is all I need for even take-up.g.

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

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Tue, 15 Nov 2005 18:33:08 GMT

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Sure glad this post was on topic. You can be a cut-up sometimes, and when you asked whether we wanted to hear about your tests of pre-stains, well, you get the idea.

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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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Subject: How would you like your words prepared...

Posted by [GarMan](#) on Wed, 16 Nov 2005 00:20:44 GMT

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before you eat them  
<http://audioroundtable.com/Craftsmen/messages/659.html>

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