Subject: Applying a finish to stair treads
Posted by Fred Simpson on Sun, 19 Mar 2006 19:44:14 GMT
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I plan to stain my (expensive) oak stair treads, then finish with ???. I am hearing drying time of 72 hours for urethane when applied as a floor finish. Someone has mentioned Tung oil as a possible alternative that would dry much faster. Anyone have any experience with this finish on a heavy traffic area like floors/stairs?

Subject: Re: Applying a finish to stair treads
Posted by Bill Martinelli on Mon, 20 Mar 2006 03:15:50 GMT
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The traditional high end finish has been Glitsa. You must wear a mask, remove all pets from the house, etc, etc. bad stuff but the premier floor finish. I have it on my hard wood floors. If you want to stain the floor beneath the finish any good stain like a minwax will do just fine. There are lots of brands and floor finishers use what the distributors carry. I finished my main stair case myself and used a minwax stain to match moldings. the floors are raw. I used PARKS polyurethane that I bought at Home Depot. I would say the the stairs which get a lot of traffic are actually holding up better than the Glitsa on the floors. I would recommend the Parks finish you can buy at HD. I'm planning to top coat the floor with it this summer.

Subject: Re: Applying a finish to stair treads
Posted by Fred Simpson on Mon, 20 Mar 2006 14:50:19 GMT
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Thanks, Bill. Will look into Parks polyurethae at HD. Fred