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GRAIN FILLER APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for buying your grain filler from Rothko and Frost!
Before starting the application process PLEASE READ these instructions carefully.

What is grain filler?

Using grain filler is an essential part of the paint/lacquer finishing process on open-pored woods such as ash and mahogany. It performs two functions:

- A.** It fills the larger areas of the grain, giving a flat surface so that sprayed on finishes do not pool.
- B.** It fills the pores in the wood, which helps to achieve an even finish.

Crucially, grain filler acts beneath the surface of the wood, in contrast to the paints and lacquers that follow which form a coating on top of the surface of the wood.

How to apply grain filler

- Nitrile gloves should be worn throughout the application process. Always work in a well-ventilated area.
- The wood should be clean and smooth. Sand your surface with 120 grit and progress through the grits up to a maximum 320 grit.
- If the grain filler has been left unused then its components split. Stir the grain filler well to a smooth uniform paste.
- Apply a thumb sized amount of grain filler with a rubber scraper or old credit card. Applying firm pressure, work it in to the wood in the direction of the grain.
- Now working across the grain, scrape off ALL of the excess grain filler. Try to scrape off as much as you can so the grain filler sits below the surface of the wood.
- Leave over night to harden then sand the surface to 320 grit. Repeat this process if required (particularly wide-grained pieces of Ash and Mahogany may require two applications).
- Repeat these steps for all surfaces of your workpiece.

What's next?

You are now ready for the Sanding Sealer/Primer phase of your finish. Good luck and have fun!

If you have any questions about the process or need further advice please email us on the address at the bottom of this page.



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