



Caring for oiled furniture

## **Wood care instructions**

The Wood Made Good oiled wood range has been pre-finished in our workshop with several coats of pure \*Tung Oil, giving a durable, water proof finish whilst enhancing the texture and beauty of the natural wood. To maintain the beauty and finish of your furniture, we recommend regular treatments with Tung, or similar drying oils such as Danish Oil, Teak Oil or Linseed Oil.

### **How often ?**

Your furniture will have been treated with oil just before delivery. Once in your home you should oil your piece every six months. Besides protecting the surface, the oil will enhance the colour, adding depth and lustre to the finish. There are no hard and fast rules but areas of heavy usage, such as table-tops or the tops of chests, will benefit from more frequent applications.

### **How should the oil be applied ?**

Oiling could not be easier, simply apply with a soft, lint free cloth and leave for 5 - 10 minutes for the oil to penetrate, before removing any excess. Leave for a further 30 minutes and wipe dry.

## **What are the advantages of an oiled finish ?**

Unlike conventional lacquers, drying oils penetrate deep into the surface of the timber, protecting from within. They cannot chip and any minor scratches to the surface of the timber can be retreated with the application of a little more oil. Drying oils protect without obscuring the natural 'feel' and texture of the grain.

## **Which oils can I use ?**

Drying oils vary from pure oil (Tung or Linseed) to many commercial preparations (Danish Oil and Teak Oil.) All are suitable and most are readily available from DIY stores.

\*Tung Oil is a natural non-toxic oil obtained from the seed of the Tung tree (*Aleurites fordii*). Records of Tung Oil date back two millennia in china, its uses varying from water proofing ships to finishing the highest quality furniture. It is quick drying, penetrates deep into the pores of the timber, forms an almost permanent seal against moisture, and does not lose its elasticity with age. It is widely recognised as one of the finest drying oils.

The above notes are intended as a general guide only.

Always pay careful attention to all manufacturer's instructions included on proprietary brands of drying oils and finishing products. Look after your furniture and it will repay you with years of reliability and good looks.



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