

WOOD TURNING FINISHES

Product	Characteristics	Heads up
OIL BASED		
<p>Minwax Wipe-on Polyurethane Oil based product. Minwax spray Polyurethane. Buy at Menards.</p>	<p>Good durable, water-resistant finish. Gloss, semi-gloss, or flat finish. Easy to apply. Can dry in as little as an hour. Can be thinned with naphtha or mineral spirits.</p>	<p>May not dry completely on oily woods such as rosewood or cocobolo.</p>
<p>Minwax Tung Oil Finish (Yellow can). Oil based product. Buy at Menards.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Gloss finish. Easy to apply.</p>	<p>Slow drying.</p>
<p>Waterlox Original Sealer/Finish. Tung oil based finish. Buy online.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Gloss finish. Easy to apply.</p>	<p>Remaining product will dry up quickly in the can if not used soon. Very expensive.</p>
<p>Yorkshire Grit. Woodturners abrasive paste. Tung Oil, beeswax and pumice blend. Buy from Yorkshire-grit.com</p>	<p>Easy to apply. Dries quickly. Produces a smooth finish. Produces a good foundation for other finishes or can be used alone.</p>	
<p>Formby's Traditional Tung Oil Finish Watco Danish Oil finish. Comes in many colors.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Easy to apply. Good durable finish. Satin finish.</p>	<p>Slow drying. Dry overnight. Slow drying.</p>
LACQUER-BASED		
<p>Watco Clear Lacquer. Lacquer based. Available in spray cans or brush on. Buy at Menards.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Gloss or semi-gloss finish. Easy to apply. Dries to touch within 5 minutes. Good choice for oily woods which includes exotics.</p>	<p>Very strong vapor odors. Not alcohol resistant. Not much resistance to water.</p>
<p>Magnalac - Lacquer finish. Lacquer based. Brush, wipe on or spray. Buy at Ace Hardware.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Semigloss and Gloss finish. Easy to apply on small objects. Dries within 5 minutes. Good choice for oily woods which includes exotics.</p>	<p>Must purchase a gallon at a time. Short working time - dries to the touch within a few minutes. Difficult to use on larger objects unless spraying. Very strong vapor odors. Not alcohol resistant. Semi resistant to water.</p>
<p>M.L. Campbell Wood Finishing Systems Design R. Classic Clear Lacquer Spray can. Buy at Ace Hardware.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Can has a nice spray nozzle. Gloss or satin finish. Easy to apply on small objects. Dries within 5 minutes. Good choice for oily woods which includes exotics.</p>	<p>Very strong vapor odors. Not alcohol resistant. Semi resistant to water.</p>
<p>Deft Clear Wood Finish. Buy online.</p>	<p>Good durable finish. Gloss finish. Easy to apply. Dries within an hour. Recoat in 3 hours.</p>	<p>Very strong vapor odors. Not alcohol resistant. Not very resistance to water.</p>

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SHELLAC BASED		
Mylands High Build Friction Polish. Shellac based. Buy online.	Easy to apply on the lathe. Dries within seconds.	Gloss finish to begin with but the luster fades quickly, usually within 3-6 months. Not a durable finish.
Behlen Woodturners Finish. Shellac Based. Buy online.	Easy to apply on the lathe. Dries within seconds.	Gloss finish to begin with but the luster fades quickly, usually within 3-6 months. Not a durable finish.
Zinsser Bulls Eye Shellac. Brush on. Buy at Menards.	Dries quickly. Gloss finish.	Dries quickly so may be difficult to use on larger objects. Not an extremely durable finish like polyurethane products. Manufacturer does not recommend using as a base for polyurethane products. Use a de-waxed sanding sealer product instead.
WATER BASED		
Minwax Polycrylic Buy at Menards.	Comes in spray can or a brush can. Satin, Semi-gloss, Gloss sheens	Clear finish. Dries fairly quick.
WAX BASED		
Mylands Traditional Wax Polish. Buy online.	Easy to apply. Dries quickly. Can be easily re-applied if necessary.	Semi-gloss finish to begin with but the luster fades quickly, usually within 3-6 months. Not a durable finish by itself. Should be applied over another finish.
EEE - Ultra Shine Polish. Buy online.	Easy to apply. Dries Quickly. Contains a combination of wax and buffing compound, sands and smoothens the finish as it waxes it. Must be applied on the lathe for maximum benefit.	Semi-gloss finish to begin with but the luster fades quickly, usually within 3-6 months. Not a durable finish.
Liming Waxes. Available in white or black colors. Buy online.	Fills open pores of the wood and produces a white or black shadow in the pores of the wood grains.	Use to accent a finish - not as the only finish.
Renaissance Wax. Buy online.	Easy to apply. Dries quickly. Can be easily re-applied if necessary.	Semi-gloss finish to begin with but the luster fades quickly, usually within 3-6 months. Not a durable finish by itself. Should be applied over another finish. Provides a smooth, silky feel. Resistant to finger prints.
Briwax. Buy online.	Beeswax and Carnauba wax blend.	Quick drying. Satin finish.
FOOD SAFE FINISHES		
Mahoneys Utility Finish. Walnut oil blend. Buy online.	Good for wood turned bowls that will be used.	Needs to be refreshed after time and use.
Mahoneys Oil Wax Finish	Rub on bare wood or works best if rubbed over Mahoneys Utility Finish.	Needs to be refreshed after time and use.

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Salad Bowl Finish. Food safe finish for all turned kitchenware products. Buy online.	Recommended for kitchen items. Resistant to food and water stains. Can be touched up with mineral oil if needed.	
Beeswax	Apply with lathe running. Low luster.	Refresh as needed.
MISCELLANEOUS		
Sanding Sealer made from 50/50 mix of denatured alcohol and Zinsser/Bull Eye Sealcoat Universal Sanding Sealer (100% Wax free shellac). Buy at Menards or Ace Hardware.	Use after sanding but before applying other types of finishes. Also use as the base coat prior to painting an accent item or nature scene like a bird, animal or horizon scene on a wood turned object.	
CA Glue.	Extremely durable finish for small items like pens. Gloss finish. Dries quickly.	Very strong vapor odors. Wear gloves, eye and breathing protection.
Hut Ultra Gloss Pen Polish. Buy online.	Produces a glass-like finish on plastics, celluloids, polyester pen blanks and other hard plastic turnings.	
Bloxygen Finish Preserver Buy online.	Used to remove oxygen from within a partially used container of finish thus helping to preserve leftover finish for use on another project.	
Trans Fast -Water Soluble Dye. Buy online from Woodcraft.	Used to dye wood turned objects. Easy to apply and finish. Easy to match previous colors on furniture repair projects.	Wear gloves and eye protection.
TransTint - Water or Alcohol Soluble Dye. Buy online from Woodcraft or Rocklers.	Used to dye wood turned objects. Easy to apply and finish. Very fast drying. Easy to match previous colors for furniture repair projects. Easily applied with an air brush.	Wear gloves and eye protection.
Abranet Sanding Sheets. Buy online.	Washable screens will not clog up like normal sand paper. 80 to 600 grits.	May not produce as smooth a finish as normal sand paper.
Micro-Surface Finishing / Sanding Kits. Contains sanding grits between 1,500 and 12,000. Buy online.	Used to produce ultra gloss finishes on pens and other turned items.	
Beall Three Buff System. Buy online.	Produces an extremely ultra gloss, smooth finish. Contains three buffing wheels, Tripoli compound, White Diamond compound, and Carnauba Wax.	Easy to burn through previously applied finishes such as poly or lacquer if not careful. Buffing wheels may grab turned objects and fling them out of one's grip if not careful. Buffing wheels can produce static electricity shocks felt by the woodturner while buffing the object.
Tach Cloth	Wipe piece with this sticky cloth to remove fine particles of saw dust.	Use before the 1st coat of finish and all subsequent coats of finish.
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