



UNFINISHED FURNITURE

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Helpful Hints:

- First and foremost helpful hint: DO NOT USE YOUR FURNITURE UNFINISHED!!!
- When transporting the furniture into your home, do not get it wet.
- Be careful to use good sandpaper or sanding block. Worn out paper will only polish your furniture.
- Some people prefer to "condition" the end grain on some woods. We carry wood conditioners; each manufacturer has their own recommendations for their product.
- Dusting well before each step is very important.
- When you are in the staining portion of the project, try and plan enough time to complete an entire surface before stopping. It is best to try and stain the entire visible area at one time. If two people want to work on the project, try and break up the work so that one does the inside and undersides and the other works on the outside area. Everyone has a different touch and a uniform finish is what we are after.
- If you do not stain all the sides of the piece, you must seal them with at least three coats of your final finish.
- Finishing materials are flammable! Please dispose of all used materials in a metal can filled with water and put a lid on it. You can also store them in the open air outdoors. Each town has different rules for disposal. Check it out.
- There are some very good non-toxic finishes. We carry two lines, the General Finishes water based line and the Mastercraft line. They are, however, non-toxic once they have dried.
- When placing your furniture in your home, keep in mind that the sun, your heating system and levels of humidity all play a part in how well your furniture will hold up. Your furniture needs attention just like we do when the seasons change, especially in the winter months.
- A few points to go over: make sure you look your piece over well before you apply any finish. When you are working with the polyurethane, apply it in thin even coats. Work in good light and ventilation. If you think you have a problem, stop and call; do not proceed.
- If you cannot finish your piece right away, store it in a cool, dry place.

If you live in New Hampshire, call us at 1-800-439-4118.
Outside New Hampshire, please call us at 1-603-895-4118.

With a little time and effort, you CAN have a beautiful piece of furniture! Start small and work your way up. Good luck, and give us a call if you need us.