

SHELLAWAX

Data Sheet Number 1

U-Beaut Polishes

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Q: WHAT IS IT?

A: Shellawax is a foolproof, one-application friction polish, made for use on the wood lathe. It is (to our knowledge) the fastest and easiest to use polish of its kind on the market today, giving an instant shine to all timbers. It is used with the lathe running, and under friction it is fused into the timber. It dries instantly, and can be handled immediately after application, it is water resistant and non-toxic.

Q: WHAT'S IN IT?

A: Shellawax is a fusion mixture of shellac, a number of waxes and Sandalwood oil.

Q: IS SHELLAWAX FOOD & CHILD SAFE?

A: YES, Shellawax is a completely non-toxic finish. All of the waxes, etc. used in Shellawax can be found in food confectionery & pharmaceuticals.

NOTE: In its liquid form Shellawax contains Ethanol and hydrocarbons making it flammable & poisonous. However, as soon as it is applied these solvents both evaporate leaving a 100% non-toxic, non-flammable finish both in & on the timber's surface.

Q: CAN I USE IT OVER OIL?

A: YES, Shellawax can be applied over most oils, provided the surface is dry of the oil prior to the application. (See Please Note over page)

Q: SHOULD I APPLY SANDING SEALER FIRST?

A: NO!! Shellawax is a complete finish designed to be applied directly to the raw timber. This allows the Shellawax to bond with and basically become part of the wood rather than just another surface coating.

Q: CAN I USE SHELLAWAX OVER A DYE?

A: YES, but only over water dyes. Shellawax works brilliantly over water dyes because they soak into the time allowing Shellawax to bond to the wood. DO NOT USE SHELLAWAX over oil or spirit based stains or spirit based stains or dyes.

INSTRUCTIONS

Before you use Shellawax it is advisable to put in some fine preparation work with abrasive paper. The finer you sand the better your finish will be. It is a waste of time and Shellawax applying it to timber that has been sanded with anything less than 240 grit. On most work use the following grit papers: 180, 240, 320, 400 & finer if desired. On pens, etc use: 600, 800, 1000 & 1200.

Best results are always obtained by sanding to 1200 grit and above.

When you have finished sanding you can apply Shellawax as follows:

FOR SMALL SPINDLE WORK: (under 20mm diameter). Moisten a small section of clean soft cloth with Shellawax and apply directly to the work with the lathe spinning on high revs. Keep a heavy pressure on the work and slowly move the rag over the entire surface of the timber until you have attained a high shine. (Approx. 15 seconds)

FOR LARGER SPINDLE WORK: (up to 100mm). Stop the lathe, moisten a clean piece of rag with Shellawax and quickly apply an even coat to the entire surface of the timber. Turn the lathe on, re-moisten the rag and continue as above using a constant, even, heavy pressure on the work with the damp section of rag. This heavy pressure generates the friction required to make the polish shine to its full extent.

Subsequent coats can be applied immediately, if required. For a deeper more brilliant shine, cut the surface lightly with 1200 grit abrasive then re-apply the polish.

SMALL BOWLS, ETC: Shellawax can also be used on small bowls, plates and lidded containers, etc. by following these instructions:

With the lathe stopped, apply an even, heavy coat of Shellawax to the surface using a rag soaked with Shellawax. Turn the lathe on and with the same cloth apply heavy pressure to the surface that has just been coated. Work the polish as per previous instructions.

With bowls and larger spindle work you may get very fine lines in the surface, this is created by the weave in the rag & the speed with which the polish dries. To fix: cut the dry Shellawax with 1200 grit abrasive or our EEE-ULTRA SHINE then apply a second coat of Shellawax.

A better solution for all turned work over 20mm is to use our amazing Shellawax Cream which has been developed especially for larger turned work, bowls, platters, etc.

HAND RUBBING: Shellawax can also be used to give a brilliant hand rubbed finish to small flat surfaces and other items that cannot be spun in a lathe.

Apply some Shellawax to a clean soft rag and spread it evenly over the surface to be polished. With the moistened piece of rag, rub the surface very briskly and evenly until the desired finish is achieved. Leave to dry and buff with a clean soft rag. Shellawax can also be applied wet and left to dry, then buffed with a clean, dry, soft cloth.

Do not apply to an area bigger than 150mm square. Larger areas can be covered by doing a number of these small sections.

SHELLAWAX CREAM EXTENDER: Shellawax can be mixed with Shellawax Cream as an extender. This allows for better use of these products on large turned work and for hand rubbed work.

Mix the Cream and liquid Shellawax at the rate of approx 50/50, this will give you a runny cream that will stay on the surface longer and allow you more time to work it into the timber. It is also easier to use and gives you a more diverse range of applications when used this way.

THINNER: Use Shellawax as a thinner for Shellawax Cream, which often thickens with use. This will also extend the life of the Cream.

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PLEASE NOTE

U-Beaut Polishes and their agents, accept no responsibility for problems arising from the use of Shellawax over: any oil, sanding sealer or spirit based dye or stain, water based stain, prefinish or any other finish – including polyurethane, lacquer, varnish, French Polish, etc.

For first time users, we recommend that you experiment on a scrap piece of timber before applying Shellawax to a finished article. This may save some tears later.

Not getting a brilliant finish?

DON'T BLAME THE POLISH

READ this data sheet. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS & if it's still not working for you, try our new.....

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www.ubeaut.com.au/swinfo.htm

WARNINGS

Spray from applying Shellawax with the lathe running can make some floors very slippery.

Guard against spills. Shellawax can act as a stripper on some painted & polished surfaces. Wipe up spills immediately.

CAUTION: In its liquid form Shellawax contains: Alcohol Solutions – Keep away from: heat, sparks, fire, flame and other ignition sources. Avoid ingestion, contact with eyes, prolonged contact with skin or breathing of vapors.

KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN

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