

Video Brief # 5

Door Finishing (interior and exterior)

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You will need :

- # 320 fine sandpaper
- Utility knife

The steps :

1. Lightly sand the door in the wood grain direction to dislodge any trace of oil, humidity, dust or dirt. Use # 320 fine sandpaper.
2. Apply the selected finishing product (paint, stain or varnish) in the wood grain direction on the six sides of the door, including underneath the hinges, to prevent any humidity from entering the wood and provoking the warping of the door or cracking of the veneer. Avoid water-based products.

We recommend the following finishing, based on the type of product:

- a. paint: coat of oil-base primer
 - b. varnish: oil-base
 - c. stain: oil or solvent-base
3. Follow the instructions of the manufacturer of the selected finishing product and repeat sanding and painting, staining or varnishing operations until you obtain the desired finish.

(Directly go to step # 5 if your door does not have any wood panel.)

4. Trace the perimeter of the panels using a utility knife or a sharpened blade to free the junctions (see figure 1). This operation will allow the panels to move freely during temperature changes and will prevent their cracking. To do so, incline the blade at a 45-degree angle, the tip turned toward the junction of the panel and the moulding. This will prevent leaving a visible mark on the panel.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 for the other side of the door.

FIGURE 1

