

# Hardwood Frame Finishing Instructions

To preserve the wood on exterior frames, it is important to ensure they are properly finished. Prepare the wood with a stain or preparation product. Then, apply a finish product to protect and preserve the exterior wood frame. Choose a topcoat product that has deep penetration, good adhesion, and guards against damage caused by sun and moisture.

## THINGS TO KNOW: STAINING

1. Start with a properly prepared surface: clean and free of dirt, grime and contaminants.
2. Stir finishes before and periodically during application. This keeps the color consistent throughout. Do not thin.
3. For color uniformity, intermix all containers to be used.
4. Final color can vary with application, porosity and type of wood. Perform a color test on a small sample of wood that is planned to be coated.
5. Apply stain by brushing or wiping it in the direction of the grain, using smooth, even strokes.
6. Avoid unattractive lap marks by applying stain from an unpainted area back into the last wet stain. Don't let a section of stain dry before you blend it in with stain from an adjoining section.
7. Let the stain penetrate the wood to achieve desired color saturation. Wipe off excess stain.
8. Let dry completely (usually 24 hours).
9. Apply a second coat if a darker look is desired. Also, apply a second coat if staining badly weathered or unfinished wood.

## THINGS TO KNOW: TOPCOATING

1. Apply with a high quality synthetic brush.
2. Do not apply if product is in direct sunlight. Do not apply if wet weather is expected within 48 hours.
3. Apply when product surface and air temperature is between 50°F - 80°F.



These are generic instructions. For detailed application instructions follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the stain and topcoat products.