



How to use CrystaLac Wood Grain Filler

CrystaLac CLEAR Wood Grain Filler dries virtually transparent. That means that every bit of the wood's color (stained or not) comes through brilliantly. Filling the wood grain before top coating, helps to eliminate those distracting little pock marks where the finish didn't completely fill the pores. Simply rub it in and trowel it off to remove the excess. Paste left behind in the pores will level the surface, so you can lay down a silky, glass smooth finish.

You can tint it with water soluble dyes or just a dab of latex paint colorant (available at most paint stores). CrystaLac also has makes a line of Concentrated Pigments and Metallics along with recipes to custom make your own colors (CraftNique Color Boutique).

CrystaLac Wood Grain Filler is compatible with most topcoats. It is recommended to check compatibility on a scrap piece of wood before doing an entire project.

Caution: Shellac can be applied under the Grain Filler but not over it. Harsh lacquer solvents can melt the filler if applied to heavily.

Note- Initially, Grain Filler will dry and look a little hazy, almost like a Satin sheen. Don't worry, once top coated, it will become clear.

For Best Results:

Bare wood –

Use one to two coats of sanding sealer first to bring out the wet color of the wood. Sand, then apply WGF. You can rub it into the pores with a lint free rag, or brush it onto the surface and trowel off any excess. Thoroughly dry 2 to 4 hours. Sand smooth and remove any sanding dust with a vacuum or compressed air. Wipe with a damp cloth (water only) and reapply as needed. Do a final sanding and then apply your choice of CrystaLac Top Coat.

Stained Wood –

General Staining - Stain bare wood as directed. If using a solvent or oil based stain, allow ample time for it to thoroughly dry making sure all solvents have evaporated and oils have cured. We suggest using a water based stain for a much quicker and more environmentally safe process. After staining, apply WGF. Sand and reapply if necessary. You can stain over the WGF if any of the stain was sanded off initially. Apply a topcoat and you're done.

For an even grained look, apply WGF first then stain. This will work similar to a stain conditioner and not allow the stain to penetrate and appear darker in the deep wood grains.

