



## OIL / WAX FINISH REFINISHING OR FINISH FRESHENING

### DOVETAIL OIL/WAX FINISH

Our finish is three coats of hand-rubbed oil, with two coats of paste wax for the final treatment. This finish not only enhances the natural beauty of the wood but also is extremely durable and easy to maintain. The oil penetrates deep into the wood, sealing and protecting it; the exterior coats of wax give additional protection. When properly maintained, your piece will grow more beautiful over time.

### DAY-TO-DAY CARE OF AN OIL/WAX FINISH

Tabletops, tops of chests etc. can be cleaned as needed with a damp (water only) sponge or soft lint-free cloth. Any white rings or water spots can be easily removed by buffing lightly with 0000 steel wool. (Continued buffing with steel wool will eventually strip the wax.) Whether cleaning or buffing, always move in the direction of the grain.

### REWAXING AN OIL/WAX FINISH

Depending on usage, every 4 weeks to 18 months re wax the top with amber-colored Butcher's amber paste wax. Use a soft cloth that has been wet with water and wrung out to apply a thin, even coat of wax (with the grain); allow 20 minutes to dry. Buff to a lustrous shine with a dry soft cloth, then buff lightly with the grain with 0000 steel wool to take out any remaining streaks. This will protect it from future water damage. If your tabletop becomes dull, it may need rewaxing. The reverse possibility is you may have wax build-up. Just use 0000 steel wool in the direction of the grain and your piece is sure to shine.

### LONG TERM CARE

Your Dovetail piece should never need refinishing. However, following many years of use or an accident, you may want to freshen the finish. If your Dovetail piece has our standard oil and wax finish, the long-term care follows. (If we have stained your piece, it is finished with conversion varnish or has a special finish, please call for specific directions.)

### REFINISHING AN OIL/WAX FINISH

1. Buff off any accumulated dirt from the surfaces you want to refinish with 0000 steel wool or sand out stained or damaged area as necessary with 220 grit sandpaper.
2. Steam out any visible dings dents and scratches with a wood burning iron or small soldering iron or soldering gun. Place a wet corner of a paper towel on the dent and place the hot iron on top of the wet towel. The wet towel prevents burning the wood while making steam in the wood fibers to "pop out" the majority of the dent.