

Stain Woodgrain Guide



Materials Needed Step 1: Surface Preparation

1. Pre-Mixed Stain (1/2 pint)
2. Mineral Spirits (4 fl. oz.)
3. Top Coat/Sealer (20 fl. oz.)
4. Two Clean Cloths
5. One Pair Protective Gloves
6. 3" China Bristle Brush
7. Two Stir Sticks
8. Finishing Instruction



1. If possible, lay door horizontally on a padded surface to prevent scratches.
2. Remove all the hardware and mask off anything you don't want stained.
3. **DO NOT SAND GRAINED COMPOSITE.**
4. Wipe the door with mineral spirits to clean any dust or residue from the surface. Allow door surface to dry completely before applying stain.

Step 2: Stain Application



Apply stain with a 3" to 4" soft bristle brush, or rag to small sections of the door at a time. Apply enough stain to fill the door grain.

With a clean, lint-free 24 x 24 inch cloth, softly wipe the surface until you reach your desired tone.

TIP: When the rag becomes saturated with stain, re-fold to work with a less-saturated section. Be sure to use the same rag for the whole door.



After all the stain is brushed evenly you may add finishing touches by using a small 1" to 2" brush or cotton swabs.

Additional coats may be applied to achieve desired look. Follow all stain manufacturers instructions for proper application (if different) and compatibility information.

Step 3: Protective Top Coat



Application of a polyurethane top coat with UV inhibitors like ZAR™ Exterior polyurethane, Wood Kote® Flagship UV, or Minwax® Fast Drying Polyurethane for exterior applications.

1. After stain has completely dried (48 hours), mix the top coat well and apply evenly using a clean dry 2" soft bristle brush or 3" foam brush. Be sure to stop when the grain changes direction.
2. Apply two or three coats of finish, allowing at least 24 hours of drying time between each application.

Normal Maintenance

Even a well-finished door will be affected by exposure and weathering from sun, moisture, and air pollutants. It is considered normal maintenance to re-apply the topcoat approximately every two years.

Due to the variability in finishing materials, application conditions and techniques, all of which are beyond the control of MasterPiece. MasterPiece cannot be responsible for the performance of field applied finishes or individual application techniques.

*Staining instructions are for Oil-Based, Premium Quality Wood Stains or similar product designed for use on composite surface. Please note the instructions indicated are specific to the Zar brand stain. Please reference stain manufacturers instructions before applying any stain.

CAUTION: Painting or staining MasterPiece Patio Doors dark colors can result in poor performance and will void the warranty. Dark colors are considered any color that falls within the lightness (L) value of 56 to 0, where 100 is white and 0 is black. Use paint or stain with a light reflective value (LRV) of 57 units or greater.