

How to Stain Wood

Not all staining is simple. Learning to stain wood can take some practice – and it's sometimes best left to the pros. Use this guide to help you decide whether you'll DIY or hire a guy.




Materials Required:

- Item to stain
- Stain
- Rag or paint brush
- Drop cloth
- Sander
- Coarse-grained sandpaper
- Polyurethane seal and gloves

Steps:

- 1 Clean the surface using a rag.
- 2 Sand and prepare the surface to make it smooth.
- 3 Brush a rag or a lamb's wool cloth over the stain to ensure even distribution.
- 4 Start at the center of the surface, spreading the stain evenly. Go with the grain of the material across the entire selection.
- 5 Let the stain dry.
- 6 Once the stain is dry, apply a finish such as a polyurethane seal to protect the wood from wear and tear. You'll want to apply two coats.

 HomeAdvisor tip: When sanding, use 220-grit sandpaper or higher so that you don't scratch the wood as the applied stain will highlight any scratches.