

# How to finish and protect Cedar & Teak Furniture

## Instructions

1

Sand cedar wood furniture to ready it for sealant. Sanding works best on chipped parts of cedar, or old cedar wood that must be restored before applying a sealant. Don't oversand the wood. Cedar wood is soft. An electric sander may take off too much of the surface. Sand the top lightly, applying just enough pressure to even out any imperfections.

2

Apply a clear top-coat sealant to the cedar wood furniture with a paintbrush. Make sure the wood is clean. Apply cedar wood stain, instead of a top-coat sealant, for a non-shiny look. Use a tinted stain for added richness or a darker color. Use stains that contain water repellent and mildew inhibitors. Use a penetrating stain to moisturize cedar wood furniture that has knots or deep surface textures. A penetrating stain will moisturize the wood from within, and eliminate peeling and blistering that may also inhibit a topical sealant from working properly.

3

Go over the surface with a clean paintbrush and cedar wood oil. Wood oil is best used on cedar in its natural state. The wood oil will add to the health of cedar wood and seal the top layer to protect it. Cedar wood oil is especially good for outdoor cedar furniture. Use only waterproof oil for outdoor furniture. Generously paint on the oil, making sure to saturate the wood. Wipe excess oil into the grain in circular motions with a clean rag.

4

Paint cedar furniture with outdoor wood furniture paint to seal it. Choose a color paint for white cedar wood. Do not strip old paint off delicate cedar wood furniture with a chemical agent. The wood is porous and soft, and the chemicals may weaken the wood. Use 220 or a lighter grit sandpaper, and gently sand away the old layer of paint.

5

Remove wood dust with a clean paintbrush, and repaint in the color of your choice.

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# How to protect and extend the finish on Teak Furniture

## Instructions

1

If your teak furniture is not new, you need to remove surface dirt before you can apply a finish. Mix a few drops of dish soap with water in a bucket and clean the wood thoroughly. Allow the wood to dry for 4 hours before continuing.

2

Rub the entire surface of the wood with a copper or brass wool pad. Run a tack cloth over the surface of the wood to remove any wool or wood dust.

3

Apply teak brightener to the surface of the wood. Allow the solution to sit for about 10 minutes, and then wipe it away with a soft cloth. The wood should now be at least one shade brighter than it was before. This is especially beneficial for wood that has sat outside for several months and has grayed.

4

Pour some tung oil over the surface of the wood. Using a soft cloth, work the oil into the wood until it will no longer absorb any more oil. This can take anywhere from 10 minutes to an hour for one piece of furniture. Allow the oil to dry for 2 hours.

5

Apply a second coat of oil over the first. Generally, this coat takes less time to apply because the pores of the wood are now full. Allow the oil to dry overnight before using your furniture.

### Tips & Warnings

***Do not*** use an all-purpose wood cleaner on teak wood. Usually these formulas contain too much acid, which can damage the wood.

***If possible***, do not allow birds around your teak furniture. Bird droppings can stain the surface of the wood, and it is almost impossible to clean it completely. If necessary, cover your furniture to protect it from bird droppings.

## HOW TO USE TEAK OIL INSTRUCTIONS

1

Prepare the wood by removing any stains or residues with a good wood cleaner. If the wood has been varnished or has any other sealer applied to the surface, this must be removed prior to using teak oil.

2

Rinse thoroughly after cleaning and allow the wood to air dry.

3

Apply teak oil with a soft cloth or a natural bristled brush. Coat the wood with a generous layer of teak oil. Work with the grain of the wood and allow to soak for 10 minutes.

4

Wipe away excess oil with a soft cloth and allow to dry completely, usually 2 to 3 hours. Add additional coats until you reach the desired effect. Some surfaces may require 4 or more coats of teak oil.

5

Clean any spills, brushes or cloth with mineral spirits.

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