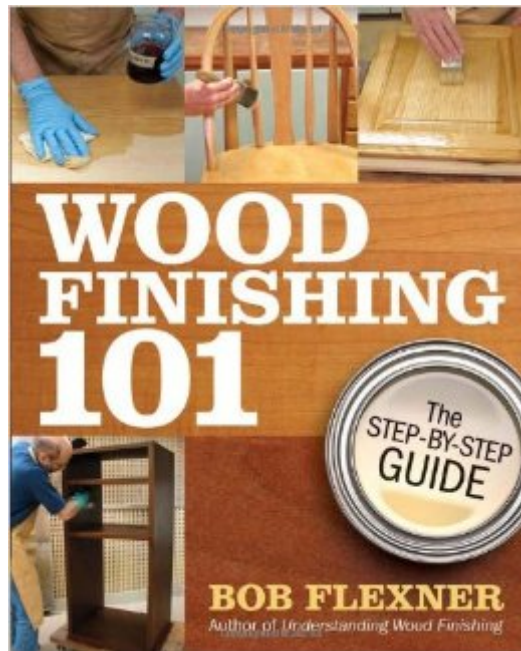


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# Wood Finishing 101: The Step-by-Step Guide



## Synopsis

Wood finishing doesn't have to be complicated or confusing. It can be "boiled down" to simple step-by-step instructions. And that's what this book offers; no science, no art, just easily-to-follow directions with lots of pictures to show you every step of the process. Inside, you'll find specific instructions on how to finish common woods using widely-available finishing materials--the kind of wood, stains and finish coats every home center, paint store or hardware store carries. Just match the wood to the final color and result you want. Then follow the step-by-step instructions and eliminate the guesswork. "Wood Finishing 101" is by Bob Flexner, who has been writing about and teaching wood finishing to hobbyists and professionals for over 20 years. Let Bob's years of experience guide you to beautiful results using his easy to understand directions.

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I have a love-hate relationship with finishing. I reach a point in a woodworking project at which I just want to be done. Oh, right, then it needs to be finished. And that means boring time spent sanding, a relatively small amount of time applying stain, oil, varnish, etc., and then large amounts of time waiting for drying. Not that I don't do something else, but those 24-hour-long blocks of drying time simply prolong the conclusion of the project. But in fact it's the quality of the finishing that makes me step back and either feel proud of the way a project looks and feels or not. To improve my finishing skills I bought Bob Flexner's *Understanding Wood Finishing* a couple of years ago and this month

Wood Finishing 101. Both are excellent books, contain valuable information, and are well-written and edited. The former is more technical and contains much more in-depth information about wood finishing. In that respect one can return to it again and again to absorb more information. But...Wood Finishing 101, as the author says, is the missing book that most beginners (and even experienced amateurs like me) need. It is far more visual, a big plus in actually teaching "how to do it." Each type of finish is addressed in sections with photos of typical brands currently on the market as well as step-by-step directions for use. Four-color photographs are clear and captioning perfectly related to the photos. Both books are worth having, "Understanding..." for in-depth knowledge and "...101" for easy-to-understand application. I'm hardly a full-time amateur, but when I do great ready to finish a project, I've always turned to Understanding Wood Finishing. From now on Wood Finishing 101 will be my first choice to brush-up (no pun intended) on how to get a great finish on my latest work.

Arrived timely better than expected. Exceptionally well written and illustrated. Multiple methods discussed each finish has literally step by step instructions. The author himself a master shares how he likes to hold sandpaper demonstrating the very basics to the repairing of finishes in an A,B,C how to tell what the finish is that your repairing. His way of teaching works great. His insight with practical knowledge woven with in the finishing lesson. Subtleties lacquer or shellac what's what even better how to mix your own finishes Wipe-on, brush, up to spray. 1) The best is he will teach you what situation is best for a specific finish. 2) just as important when NOT to use a finish. 3) Quick over view of finish with pros and cons. 4) set-up tools, supplies, allowing for your preference. Pictures(pix). 5) walk thru with pix. 6) Clean up. 7) what might have gone wrong how to tell 8) Fix for each wrong 9) each type of finish has shortcuts and their cost and best of all each categories fool proof finish. The detailed info is presented in an easy format. Best of all sections are written so you can put it down and pick it up without missing a beat. Of all the WW books this is a MUST HAVE for all finishers and WoodWorkers. You will make the finish then use it can't forget it.

Wood finishing isn't especially hard, but it's shrouded in deep mystery. This book takes the mystery out of it, and takes it from a black art to something that is labor intensive but easy to understand.

I have this book and two written by Jeff Jewitt. Jeff Jewitt's book called 'Great Wood Finishes' is far better than this one, and I recommend it instead of this book. This book has a few glaring omissions. There is no coverage at all on lacquer finishes. There is also no coverage on rubbing out finishes, which is almost mandatory if you want a top-quality result. Furthermore, there isn't a section

showing how to do multi-step finishes (for example: apply water based dye, sand, seal, apply toner, apply final finish). Again, to get top-quality results sometimes you need to do more complex finishes. All of this is covered in 'Great Wood Finishes', none of it is covered in this. The coverage on water-based dyes also wasn't very good - in fact I think parts of it were just inaccurate. He claims that water based dyes are equivalent to a watered-down latex paint. I don't think this is true, because latex paint contains solids which dye does not. Of course, you'll learn this in Jeff's book. This book had a few good tips about commercially available finishes, but not much else.

Wood Finishing 101 is a must have book for the woodcraft beginner. Bob Flexner debunks the myths on wood finishing and details the products on the shelf that are available to the consumer. He tells you what you are purchasing, and also gives recipes to create your own, better finishing product to suit the needs of your particular project. Great pictures, graphics and detail notes are given on every type of finish desired for your wood project. The book is a bible on finishes for the beginner especially, but the Pro will also pick up valuable information as well as proper techniques. A must have book for a woodworker's collection

If you work with wood and apply a finish to that wood this book is a must have. Mr. Flexner covers everything you really need to know in a super organized format. No beating around the bush in Wood Finishing 101. The author gets right to the point and covers what you need to know and covers it precisely. Want to know about water based finishes? This book tells you in a few pages all you need to know to apply the finish competently. Want to know the advantages of water based finishes over oil based? Its right here and easy to find and easy to understand. If you finish wood you must own this book. It does NOT cover how to mix and apply older finishes or how to fume a piece of wood to duplicate Arts and Crafts furniture. It DOES cover all the modern finishes and covers them completely and clearly. There is no better book on finishing wood with modern finishes. AD2

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