

Museum Wax Finish

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Ingredients:

Boiled linseed oil	-1 cup
Turpentine	-1 cup
Japan Dryer	-1 teaspoon
Beeswax	-1 ½ cups (a little more than 2 cakes)

Cautions:

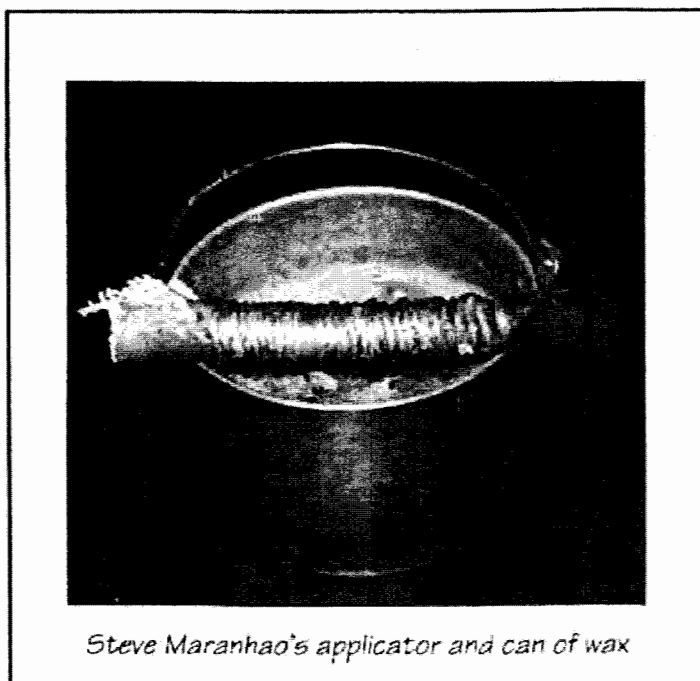
This is a volatile and extremely flammable mixture!
Use a hot plate, not an open flame.
Mix substance outdoors or with adequate ventilation.

Instructions:

1. Use a 2-quart saucepan (not from your kitchen)
2. Add linseed oil, turpentine and Japan Dryer to pan. Stir slowly to blend. Add Beeswax.
3. Slowly and carefully heat to melt the wax. As soon as it melts, stop heating. Pour into small paint can.
4. Allow to cool. It will cool and become a paste in a couple of days. Then keep sealed.

How to Use Museum Wax:

1. Heat piece to 200° - 300° F
2. Brush wax onto surface with a paint brush or wipe on with a cotton rag. The coating should smoke some.
3. Allow wax to soak into surface.
4. Wipe away excess.



Steve Maranhao's applicator and can of wax

This linseed/beeswax mixture will cure in eighty hours to form a hard, long-lasting finish suitable for household articles and interior locations. This recipe will last for years.

Materials Sources:

Home Depot – Japan Dryer, Linseed oil, paint can, turpentine.
Ace Hardware – beeswax (cakes were \$1.99 in 2001)
Rolled up and twine-tied blue jean legs make a great wax applicator. The business-ends burn off as it is used. Cut off the burned end before each use. You'll wear out several jeans before you need a new applicator.