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Decorative Door Plants Finishing Instructions

Below are the finishing instructions for painting or staining ODL Decorative Door Plants.

Before beginning the finishing process it is important that the door plants be 1) **clean**, 2) the finish must be **dull**, 3) the surface of the door plants must be **dry**.

Painting:

1. The first step in the finishing process is to coat the decorative door plant with a **Multi-Purpose Interior/Exterior Latex Primer/Sealer**. The recommended primer is **Sherwin-Williams® B51-450 Series**.
2. Apply one even coat to the decorative door plant and allow to dry a minimum of 1 hour. This dry rate is based on 77degrees F and 50% RH (relative humidity). Actual drying time may vary.
3. For optimal performance, the primer must be topcoated with a latex, alkyd/oil water-based epoxy or solvent based epoxy coating.
4. For exterior exposure the primer must be topcoated within 14 days with architectural latex or oil finishes.
5. For surface finishing there are two recommended products: **Sherwin-Williams ProClassic® Waterborne Interior Acrylic Semi-Gloss B31-1100 Series** or **ProClassic® Interior Alkyd Semi-Gloss B34W51 Series**.

The recommended topcoat is **ProClassic Waterborne Interior Acrylic Enamel**. This is a high quality coating that provides a durable, non-yellowing finish. The excellent flow and leveling characteristics result in a smooth, rich finish equal to an alkyd enamel.

6. Once the Waterborne Interior Acrylic has been applied, allow four hours of drying time between coats. It is recommended that two coats be applied.

ProClassic Interior Alkyd Semi-Gloss is Sherwin-Williams finest quality alkyd semi-gloss product. The excellent flow and leveling characteristics result in a smooth durable finish.

7. Once the Alkyd Semi-Gloss has been applied, allow 24 hours of drying between coats. It is recommended that two coats be applied.

Staining:

Minwax® Gel Stain is a non-drip stain that adds natural looking color to almost any wood or non-wood surface. Minwax Gel Stain is available in eight wood-tone colors.

1. Make sure the surface is clean, dull and dry.
2. Using a high quality natural bristle brush, spread a thin, even coat over the entire surface, starting with the raised panel sections. Always make final brush strokes in the direction of the embossed grain.
3. Areas of heavier coats should be evened out before moving to a new section.

4. Allow the stain to dry approximately 6 to 8 hours.
5. To darken the color, apply additional coats by following the directions above. Allow approximately 6 to 8 hours between each coat to dry.
6. After 24 hours, apply a Minwax protective clear finish according to label instructions. For exterior use it is recommended that you use **Minwax Clear Shield** or **Minwax Helmsman Spar Urethane**.

Maintenance:

Every 12-24 months, apply another coat of protective clear finish to maintain.