

Applying Quick-Dry Wiping Stains

Quick-dry wiping stains are similar in many ways to the oil-based pigment wiping stains of the previous exercise but also differ in significant ways. The obvious difference is that they dry more quickly. The rapid drying then has significant positive consequences including less (but not zero) tendency to blotch and virtually no tendency to weep out of the pores of woods like oak. The rapid drying, reduced tendency to blotch, and elimination of weeping are all welcome differences. Less welcome is the powerful odor of the solvents that help them dry quickly—they can be overwhelming, and serious ventilation is necessary. Application is identical: flood the wood, let it soak in a bit, and wipe off the excess.

Step 1: Ventilate the area well before using these quick-dry stains. The solvents in them are more powerful than mineral spirits.

Step 2: Open the can and stir the contents well.

Step 3: Apply the stain with a chip brush. Flow the stain on wet but not in puddles. Wait a few moments and wipe off all excess cleanly (see Figure 4.5). Dry time is usually 15 to 30 minutes before topcoating.

Tools and Materials

- Quick-dry wiping stains (such as Behlen Master 15-Minute Pigmented Wood Stain or Sherwin Williams Wiping Stain in Golden Oak colors) (see **Figure 4.5**)



Figure 4.5. Wipe off any excess cleanly. You can adjust the color of quick-dry wiping stains with up to 20% of Chroma-Chem 844 Colorants or Behlen Master Color.