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Sustainable, natural & earth-friendly Polymerized Tung Oil wood finishes.



Steel Wool Pad Instructions

Why # 1 steel wool?

You need a coarse steel wool to cut through the oil and polish the wood. Additionally, the coarseness creates air spaces that collect the oil that isn't burnished into the wood.

How to create a steel wool pad from a roll?

- **Caution:** Make your pads outside, away from your finishing area, as separating the roll will cause loose steel wool fibers to fall in your work area.
- **Buffing machine:** The size of the buffing machine will determine the size of the pad you make.
- **3M™ white synthetic polishing pad:** The pad acts like “Velcro” to hold the steel wool in place.
- **Folding Steel Wool:** Fold strips of steel wool in a zig-zag patten from one side of the pad to the opposite side until you have reached the desired size. Cut or pull the steel wool fibers apart to end the pad. Tuck in the ends of the steel wool so it won't unravel. To speed the process along make multiple pads at one time.
- **Buffer stability:** The steel wool pad is secured in position under the drive pad by the weight of the buffing machine. The evenness of the steel wool weave will ensure the buffer is stable.

How much steel wool do I need?

- Average yield per 5lb roll = 2000sq.ft.
- 8-10 16inch pads per roll
- You will need a fresh pad for every 250 sq. ft of flooring.
- You can flip the pad and use the other side for another 250 sq.ft.

