



Sutherland Welles Ltd.®

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

General Instructions



Millie's ~ All-Purpose ~ Penetrating Tung Oil™ With Pure Beeswax

Best Uses: Direct Food Prep Surfaces, Utensils, Nursery Furniture, & Wood Turnings

Millie's is an oil finish that is unique in concept & application. The approach to finishing wood counters, butcher blocks and cutting boards is to completely saturate the wood using Millie's All-Purpose Penetrating Tung Oil. This provides a clear, *matte* finish that repels all types of foods and liquids. Formulated with our citrus solvent, beeswax, and no chemical driers, it makes for an ideal food safe surface with great protection on most hard and softwoods with the exception of rock maple which is too dense to saturate.

Before You Get Started

Tools for Project

- *Applicator:* Foam Brush
- Sandpaper (or Steel Wool Equivalent) for surface preparation. No higher than 220 grit.
- Coarse Steel Wool (#1)
- Terry Cloth Towel

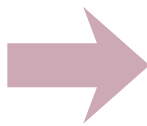
Helpful Tools: Fan & Plastic Bag

Optimal Finishing Conditions

- Weather conditions 55-75°F
- Humidity: 65% or less

Working outside optimal conditions can lengthen curing time between coats and overall. Air flow helps finish the cure.

**Watch the process
in action on our
YouTube Channel!**



Application Instructions

Wood Preparation:

Best used with new and unstained woods.

Before Applying FIRST Coat:

Sand the wood up to 220 grit paper. Avoid higher grits as they close wood pores, interfering with maximum penetration in the initial coat.

Note: Place the foam brush in a plastic bag in between applications. It can be reused since it won't harden if kept sealed in a bag.

Step 1:

- Apply Millie's with a foam brush
- Do not wipe off excess

For most hardwoods it will take 2-6 hours to fully saturate on initial coat.

Step 2:

- Apply Millie's with a foam brush
- Do not wipe off excess
- Wait 10-18 hours to let fully saturate

Step 3:

- Apply Millie's with a foam brush
- Do not wipe off excess
- Wait 24 hours to let fully saturate.

Do not wait longer than 48 hours before Step 4.

Surface should be REALLY sticky.

Step 4:

- Apply Millie's with a foam brush
- Wait 5 min. until it liquefies the gooey surface
- Buff surface with coarse steel wool

Step 5:

- Polish surface with clean & dry terry cloth.
- To cure properly, the surface needs to be BONE DRY, with all the wet Tung Oil removed.

Tacky surfaces after Step 5 will NOT cure.

Repeat steps 3-5 for maintenance coats.

Food safe and ready for use after 72 Hours.

Full tung oil cure through after 30 days (+/- based on local humidity/elevation/temperature)