HOW TO SOAP YOUR CH24 WISHBONE CHAIR & OTHER SOAPED WOOD TABLES & CHAIRS

INTRODUCTION

Traditional Danish soap finishes feature on many of our pieces, from the famous CH24 Wishbone Chair by Hans Wegner to the J39 Chair by Borge Mogensen. Common in high quality Scandinavian design, it creates a soft to the touch natural finish on light, raw woods such as Maple, Beech and Oak. The finish is so much easier applying than you may think, simply follow these simple steps and allow Olson and Baker to guide you through the process of applying a soap finish to wood furniture.

USEFUL NOTE

Furniture Care – For daily care of your furniture, use a damp cloth (not too wet) with a very mild solution of warm water and natural soap (consistency should be closer to water not a “soup”).

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Environment Care – Natural soap flakes are made from pure soap and biodegrade harmlessly into the environment.

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For Raised Wood Grain – If you have any wood grain that feels raised to the touch you can very lightly sand this between layers when applying the “soap paste”.

USEFUL NOTE

Lasts For Years – Keep your “soap soup” in an air-tight/sealed jar and it will last years for re-use whenever needed.

Clean your wood furniture down, wiping with a damp microfibre cloth and drying off thoroughly. This removes any dust and debris on the surface.

Lightly sand to gently open the wood’s surface and remove stubborn stains or superficial scratches using an extra fine sandpaper (approximately 320 grit).

Make a “soap soup” by mixing boiling water and natural soap flakes in a bowl, in equal parts. This will set the soap flakes to form completely Riders training you with a "soap soup".

Decant the “soap soup” into a container/large jar and leave to cool overnight.

Drive your "soap soup" to cool, it will thin down to a pale jelly-like form ready to be applied to your finely cleaned and prepared furniture.

Scrape the “soap paste” onto a soft cloth and loosely roll it up in one hand and your fingers in the other. You can then work this into your wood as applying generously on a layer is formed on the wood.

Allow this layer fully, ensuring most of the water has evaporated. Then gently wipe off any excess "soap paste" with a dry soft cloth and prepare for another layer or two, and then another layer if desired.

Once two to three layers have been applied and your furniture has completely dried, buff away any soft cloth to finish.