

The Complete Guide to Protecting, Staining & Maintaining Timber



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For beautiful timber, naturally



Experience You Can Trust

At Whittle Waxes, we know timber. Our Managing Director, Giles Whittle-Herbert, has been involved in the timber trade for over 30 years, both in Australia and internationally. For more than two decades, Whittle Waxes has been installing, restoring, protecting and maintaining timber of every type and in every setting imaginable. From antique floors and kitchen counters to handcrafted furniture and architectural details, we've helped transform countless timber surfaces into lasting features.



Throughout this time, we've tested many different products and techniques. The result? A product range that truly works, backed by decades of hands-on experience. We believe in sharing this knowledge, and this guide brings together our top tips and techniques to help you get the most out of your timber projects. And remember, if you ever need advice, we're just a phone call or email away.

Why Choose Whittle Waxes?

Our products (including Evolution Hardwax Oil, Colour Stains, Exterior Oils and more) do two essential jobs:

1. Enhance the natural beauty and grain of timber
2. Protect timber from everyday wear, moisture, and dirt

Here's why our products are trusted by everyone from weekend woodworkers to master craftsmen:

- **Non-toxic** – Certified food-safe and toy-safe. Safe for humans, animals and plants.
- **Water-resistant** – Great protection against spills and splashes.
- **Hard-wearing** – Long-lasting protection for both furniture and floors.
- **Economical** – High coverage (20–30m² per litre), so a little goes a long way.
- **Microporous** – Allows timber to breathe. Prevents cracking or peeling.
- **Easy to maintain** – Refresh surfaces with minimal effort.
- **Eco-conscious** – Made from renewable, sustainable materials including beeswax, carnauba wax and jojoba oil.

More info: [Hardwax Oils](#)



How to Apply Evolution Hardwax Oil

Whether you're finishing a timber floor or a handcrafted table, the steps are the same:

1. **Preparation is key.** Sand timber to a smooth finish. Even new surfaces need light sanding. For previously coated timber, sand back to raw.
2. **Select your sheen.** Choose from Matte, Classic, Satin, or Gloss.
3. **Boost performance.** On flooring, add 2K Booster to your first coat for added hardness and faster drying.
4. **Have a plan.** When doing a floor, always work toward an exit point!
5. **Apply with roller or brush.** Cut in edges with a brush. Use a 270mm roller with a 10mm micro-fibre nap or long-handled brush for larger areas.
6. **Let it dry.** Leave overnight or for at least 8 hours.
7. **Light sanding.** Use a 220 grit screen for a quick once-over before your second coat.
8. **Final coat.** Apply your second coat (no booster needed) and allow to dry.

Watch the full video:

[Applying Hardwax Oil on Timber](#)



Sanding the floor with an industrial sanding machine.



Applying hardwax oil with a roller.



Anti-Slip for Stairs and Wet Areas

Stairs and ramps need extra grip. Our Anti-Slip finish boosts slip resistance (R10 to R12) and works seamlessly with Hardwax Oil. Just use Anti-Slip as your first coat, followed by a matching Hardwax Oil sheen.



Add Colour with Our Stains

Want to change the look of your timber or retain that freshly sanded appearance? Choose from:

- **10 Colour Stains** – A wide range of tones to suit all timbers
- **3 Raw Stains** – Natural, Light and Dark. Perfect for locking in the raw timber look
- **4 Treatex Colourtones** – Antique Oak, Dark Oak, Ebony and Spruce

Application is simple: Apply stain to sanded timber, wipe excess, let dry overnight, and apply two coats of Hardwax Oil.

Tip: Always test first. Colour results can vary based on timber species and sanding quality.

More info: [Colours and Stains](#)



Sable Black



Oryx White



Bushbuck Brown



Impala Brown



Kudu Brown



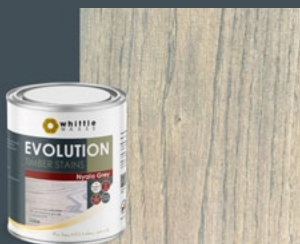
Roan Brown



Lechwe red



Eland Grey



Nyalá Grey



Waterbuck Grey

3 Raw Stains



Treatex Colourtones



Exterior Timber Protection

Outdoor timber faces daily exposure to sun, rain, humidity, and temperature changes—which can lead to fading, cracking, and general wear. That's why it's essential to protect exterior timber with high-quality oils. These oils nourish the wood from within, enhance its natural beauty, and create a breathable barrier that repels water and guards against UV damage. Here's a quick overview of our three trusted exterior oils:



Teak Oil

Perfect for outdoor furniture, Teak Oil penetrates deep into the timber to restore and highlight its natural grain and colour. It offers excellent water resistance and is ideal for benches, tables, carved pieces, and even beehives.



Bangkirai Oil

Ideal for high-wear outdoor surfaces like decks, furniture, and timber structures, Bangkirai Oil protects and enhances timbers such as Jarrah, Meranti, and Merbau. It offers long-lasting weather protection and a beautiful, durable finish—all while being eco-friendly.



Sun Protection Oil

Designed for vertical surfaces like cladding, pergolas, and fences, Sun Protection Oil offers excellent UV protection while showcasing the natural look of the wood. It also resists mould, algae, and fungal growth, keeping timber looking its best outdoors.

[Learn more about our Exterior Oils](#)



Safe for Pets, People & Planet

Whittle Waxes products are trusted in homes, schools, workshops—and even animal environments. Whether you're coating a dog kennel, bird aviary, beehive, or horse stable, choosing a non-toxic, eco-friendly finish is essential. Animals often lick, chew, or lie against wooden surfaces, and finishes that contain harsh solvents or biocides can pose serious health risks. Our Evolution Hardwax Oils and other finishes are free from harmful toxins and made from natural, renewable materials like beeswax, carnauba wax, and jojoba oil. Safe for skin, safe for paws, and safe for the planet.

Learn more: [**Pet & Nature Safe**](#)



Maintaining Your Timber

Looking after your timber ensures it stays beautiful and protected for years to come. With the right care, you can extend the life of your timber furniture and flooring while maintaining its natural look and feel.

- **Use Floor Care or Furniture**

Care – Our gentle, non-toxic cleaning solutions are specially formulated for surfaces finished with hardwax oils. They contain carnauba wax and vegetable-based oils to clean effectively and leave a thin, replenishing protective layer—no slippery residue, just lasting protection.



- **Spray Mop** – The perfect partner for Floor Care. It prevents overwetting (which can damage timber), makes cleaning quick and easy, and ensures an even distribution of product. Ideal for both large floor areas and spot-cleaning.



- **Vacuum Regularly** – Grit and dust can act like sandpaper underfoot. Regular vacuuming removes abrasive particles that could otherwise scratch and wear down your finish.



- **Use Wax Polish** – When surfaces start to look dull or have fine scratches, our Wax Polish is the go-to solution. It refreshes the timber, adds water repellency, and provides a non-slip finish. Available in Matte (for surfaces coated with Matte Hardwax Oil) and Regular (for Classic, Satin and Gloss).



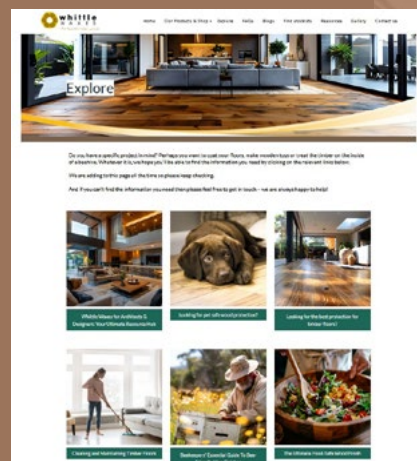
With just a little maintenance using the right products, your timber will stay protected, beautiful, and easy to live with—indoors and out.

Explore more tips: [Maintaining Timber Floors](#)



There's More to Discover at Whittle Waxes

We don't just supply great products—we're passionate about timber and committed to helping you get the best results from your projects. Whether you're a first-time DIYer or a seasoned professional, there's a wealth of information waiting for you on our website.



Explore the EXPLORE Page

Our EXPLORE page is packed with helpful resources, guides, and inspiration. It's well worth a look!

You'll find detailed articles like:

- A Complete Guide to Floor Sanding
- A Beekeeper's Essential Guide to Hive Finishes

- How to Maintain Timber Floors
- The Importance of Exterior Oils

...and plenty more.

Take a look: whittlewaxes.com.au/pages/explore

You'll also find a growing list of blogs, FAQs, and tips to guide you every step of the way.

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And if you've completed a project using our products—we'd love to see it! Send us your photos (especially before & afters), and with your permission, we'll proudly feature them on our social channels.

Got Questions? We're Here to Help

Need advice on which product to use?
Not sure how to prep your timber?
We're always happy to help. Reach out anytime—no question too big or small.
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