



## WOCA WOODCARE

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### ANTIQUE LYE INSTRUCTIONS

**WOCA Antique Lye gives white/European oak a smoked look and minimizes the red tones in species such as red oak, walnut and Brazilian cherry. Antique Lye can be used on hickory to produce grain enhancement.**

**WOCA Antique Lye is user-friendly but corrosive and should be handled with caution during application. Order Antique Lye in advance of your deadline. The cost of air shipping this product is very expensive.**

**The effectiveness of Antique Lye is solely dependent on the tannin in the wood, therefore the color after application may vary depending on the concentration of tannin in the wood. Sapwood will not react with Antique Lye.**

#### **Work Instructions:**

1. Wear suitable acid proof protective clothing, gloves and eye goggles for protection.
2. The wood must be clean, dry and free from dirt and grease. We recommend application as soon as possible after sanding.
3. Pour Antique Lye into a plastic paint tray. It does not need stirring.
4. Apply Antique Lye with a nylon brush or synthetic applicator in an even coat on the floor, following the wood grain.
5. Apply at least one liter of lye to each 100 sq.ft. of wood flooring or woodwork.
6. Let the floor or woodwork dry at least 2 hours.
7. Wash floor with WOCA Wood Cleaner (see separate instructions). This will neutralize tannins and prevent water spotting. Let floor dry completely, preferably overnight!
8. When wood is dry, de-nib the floor and its standing fibers using a standard buffer with thick green buffing pads until floor is smooth. De-nib floor first before polishing the edges. Subsequently vacuum the floor or wood surface.
9. Finish the floor or woodwork with oil.

**Please note:** Antique Lye will lighten after application. Antique Lye is water based and can be diluted with water prior to application to obtain a more muted effect. Sapwood contains no tannin and will not be affected by lye treatment.

**Packaging:** 2.5 liter Containers – Coverage 250 sf per container