

quick start guide



How to oil your live edge black walnut charcuterie board.

If you've never oiled a raw and unfinished piece of wood before, you're in for a treat!

Part of what makes American Black Walnut wood so special is the color, you're about to watch this board turn from a light brownish grey, into a deep rich chocolate brown before your eyes, a process that can only be done once. We recommend finding a place with good light, and taking a before and after picture, or better yet, have someone film the process!

1. prep

- Lay down a towel on your work surface to keep things tidy.
- Remove the rope from the board and place nearby.

2. oil

- Give the bottle of Organic Wood Oil a good shake.
- Pour on a liberal amount on to the board – a 3 inch round pour should be enough.
- Rub the oil into the wood, use your hands or a cloth. (we like to use our hands)
- Work the oil into the entire board, all sides.
- Enjoy watching the beautiful natural color of this Walnut board comes out!
- Let the oil soak into the wood, the wood will drink it up, add more as needed.
- Allow oil to soak in for 30 minutes (overnight is best).

*Pro Tip: Some woodworkers like to use the sanding sponge to rub the oil into the wood for an extra step of smoothness.

3. buff

- Wipe off all remaining oil until clean.
- Buff with a clean cloth, buff with vigor, do it very thoroughly until board is completely silky smooth. You want to remove all excess oil that didn't soak in to the board.

4. enjoy

- Your board is ready for use!

5. cleanup

Our organic wood oil is safe for skin contact, it's also nourishing too, so we like to simply rub excess oil on our hands right into our skin like lotion. However if you want to clean it off of your hands or to clean the cloths/towels used, warm soap and water works just fine.

maintenance etc.

Never place this board in the dishwasher. To keep this board maintained, simply oil it anytime it looks dry, (usually about once a month). For cleaning the board, regular soap and water works fine, just wipe off water when done, and make sure to stand the board up to dry thoroughly. For very in depth set of instructions on wood care, refer to "How To Revitalize A Neglected Cutting Board + Keep It Maintained Forever" included in this set. This live edge board is made from a solid natural unreinforced slab of wood. Wood will always continue to move and change over time, (especially live edge slabs like this) this is caused by changes in temperature and humidity, or as the wood acclimates to changes in weather over different regions. It is perfectly natural for the board to have a subtle curve along the face of the board, this does not mean the board is damaged or subpar in its manufacturing, boards this thin will often "cup" slightly, especially with dramatic changes in humidity, this is why large live edge tables use steel structural reinforcement underneath, however this board is too small for that. If after you oil it, you notice that the board ever feels sticky, that's ok, the natural oils in our wood oil polymerize over time and create a strong finish, and if it's sticky, that just means all of the excess oil wasn't totally buffed off, so buff with a cloth vigorously and it will feel silky smooth again. For additional questions visit www.roostmade.co or send us your questions to info@roostmade.co