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STAINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPOSITION (RESIN) PRODUCTS

Composition ornament was first popularized in England by the famous architect Robert Adam in the late eighteenth century. It has been successfully applied to woodwork-furniture since that time, both here in the States and in Europe. By following these simple instructions your “compo” ornaments can be stained to look exactly like carved wood.

1. Supplies

- Minwax stains and sealers (polyurethane) or any number of other quality stains and sealers.
- Several small, soft brushes
- Some small rags

2. Procedure

- Apply the stain of your preference with a small, soft brush
- Allow the stain to penetrate or soak into the wood for 10-15 minutes
 - Wipe any excess away after this wait time with the rags
- Let the stain set on the compo for an hour or more, until it appears **nearly** dry but still brushable.
- With a dry brush, carefully remove any excess stain from the ornament, working to match the compo color with the wood color
 - Make sure to brush evenly throughout the piece to ensure that the shading is consistent throughout
- Wait 24-hours or until the stain is dry enough to apply a coat of urethane finish
- After approximately 4-hours of drying, the wood can be given a light sanding before applying a second coat of polyurethane.

The result will be a piece of woodwork embellished with what appears to be beautiful wood carvings.

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