

Surface & Finish

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The sanding and finishing sequence that actually removes the previous scratches.

Each grit exists to remove the marks left by the one before it.

1

Shape first

Finishing will not correct a form that is still wrong.

2

Work through the grits

80, 120, 180, 240, 320. Never skip more than one step.

3

Check in raking light

A low light across the surface reveals every scratch left.

4

Raise the grain, on wood

Damp the surface, let it dry, then sand lightly again.

5

Seal, then finish

Sealer first, then oil, wax, lacquer or paint in thin coats.

Educational reference. Dust and solvent vapour need extraction and a fitted mask; read the safety data sheet before use.