

## RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- 1 foam brush
- 1 pair latex gloves
- 1 3" natural brush
- 1 2" synthetic brush
- 1 staining rag
- 2 cleaning rags
- Mineral spirits
- Stain
- Topcoat
- 2 stir sticks

## INSTRUCTIONS

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Follow recommended steps and items below

- Read these instructions in their entirety before you begin as well as the stain brand's instructions.
- Temperatures should be between 50° and 90° F and the relative humidity needs to be below 80%.
- Do not stain or topcoat when dew is present.
- Do not stain in direct sunlight.
- Do not sand the door.
- Make sure to have adequate ventilation.
- All exposed edges and ends of your fiberglass door as well as all wood exposed to the weather should be finished within 2 weeks of installation.



## GETTING STARTED

1. Use a clean rag to clean the entire surface of your door with mineral spirits and allow to dry.
2. Mask off any glass and hardware.
3. Remove weatherstripping from the jambs by gently pulling it out.
4. Color test your stain in a small inconspicuous area first. For a lighter color wait a few minutes then rub off excess stain. For darker shades apply another coat.
5. Apply stain to one section at a time. Follow steps below.
  - Start with the door frame, wood door edges, brickmould, mullions, and astragals on both sides of the door
  - Next, stain the slab portion of the door on the interior side.
  - Using the tip of the foam brush apply stain to the deep grooves in the door panels.
  - To finish the flat panels, use the rag to apply stain into the grain in a circular or cross-grain motion
  - Finish the glass frame (if applicable).
6. It is important to even out the color. Use the stain rag to wipe stain in the direction of the grain removing any swirl marks.
7. Allow to dry 10 to 15 minutes.
8. Using a clean rag and wiping in the direction of the grain wipe off excess stain to get the shade you want. For a darker stain allow to dry 2-4 hours then apply another coat.
9. Use the 3" natural brush to ensure an even application by lightly brushing stained areas, careful to get into the grooves and deep corners.
10. Allow this side of the door to dry completely before staining the other side. This could take a day.
11. Repeat Steps 5-9 on the exterior side of the slab and allow to dry.
12. Stir the topcoat. The topcoat should always be stirred and never shaken. Shaking creates bubbles that can cause a bad finish.
13. Dip the tip of the 2" synthetic brush into the topcoat and apply a thin layer to the door, working in the same order you applied the stain.
14. Clean your brush with a mild detergent and water.
15. Wait 2-3 hours for the first coat to dry.
16. Apply a second thin layer of topcoat.
17. Wait for the second coat to dry.
18. Repeat the topcoat process on the exterior side of the door.