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How to Finish Pine

Pine can be stubborn and difficult to finish—until you learn a few tricks.



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How to Stain Pine

Staining is the best way to protect your pine. There are several staining options available, each with its own pros and cons. This guide will help you choose the right stain for your project and provide step-by-step instructions on how to apply it.

Water Based vs Oil Based Stains

Water based stains are easier to clean up and have a low VOC content, but they may not penetrate as deep as oil based stains. Oil based stains provide a rich, dark finish but are more difficult to clean up.

Basic Steps for Staining Pine

1. Prepare the surface
2. Apply the stain
3. Finish the project

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WOOD CONDITIONERS

HIGH VOC	<p>VOC 755 g/l</p>  <p>Cabot Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner</p>	<p>VOC 730 g/l</p>  <p>Zinsser Bulls Eye Seal Coat</p>	<p>VOC 708 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner</p>	<p>VOC 239 g/l</p>  <p>General Finishes Pre-Stain</p>	<p>VOC 40 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner</p>	LOW VOC
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WOOD STAINS

HIGH VOC	<p>VOC 525 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax Gel Stain Wood Stain</p>	<p>VOC 240 g/l</p>  <p>General Finishes Espresso Wood Stain</p>	<p>VOC 135 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax Express Color</p>	<p>VOC 94 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax Color Clear-Tint Base</p>	<p>VOC 81 g/l</p>  <p>Minwax White Wash Pickling Stain</p>	LOW VOC
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PAINT PRIMERS

HIGH VOC	<p>VOC 550 g/l</p>  <p>Zinsser BIN Shellac-Base</p>	<p>VOC 450 g/l</p>  <p>Zinsser Cover Stain Primer</p>	<p>VOC 350 g/l</p>  <p>Benjamin Moore Fresh Start®</p>	<p>VOC 100 g/l</p>  <p>Zinsser Bulls Eye 1-2-3 Primer</p>	<p>VOC 0 g/l</p>  <p>Bulls Eye Zero™ Primer</p>	LOW VOC
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PAINT

HIGH VOC	<p>VOC 487 g/l</p>  <p>Rust-Oleum Marine Topcoat</p>	<p>VOC 375 g/l</p>  <p>Benjamin Moore Impervo® Enamel</p>	<p>VOC 180 g/l</p>  <p>Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch</p>	<p>VOC 50 g/l</p>  <p>Benjamin Moore Ben Acrylic</p>	<p>VOC 0 g/l</p>  <p>Old Fashioned Milk Paint</p>	LOW VOC
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