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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING OIL FINISHES

IMPORTANT Dispose of Oily Rags Properly To Avoid a Fire Hazard!

To prevent a fire hazard, it is extremely important to properly dispose of any rags, clothes, paper towels or other pads used for applying oil finishes. For example: Linseed Oil, Danish Oil, Tung Oil, and other finishes that are Oil Based or which contain oils.

Oil finishes dry, and cure, principally by a natural chemical reaction called oxidation, a process that creates heat. This is not a problem on the wood you are finishing, of course, but a pile of oily rags can create enough heat to actually burst into flames. This is called Spontaneous Combustion, and is easily prevented by proper disposal of used rags.

For *Your* Safety, Dispose Of Oily Rags or Clothes In This Manner:

Submerge used oily rags or cloths in water, place them, while still wet in a plastic bag, seal the bag and place the entire bag outdoors inside a metal trash container; or

Lay rags out in the open outdoors to dry, separated from each other. Dispose of in an outdoor metal trash container when completely dry.

NEVER Bunch Up, Discard Or Store Oily Rags In A Pile!

Oil finishes are beautiful and natural looking for fine furniture and woodwork. They are easy to apply, maintain and to work with.

For the best, and safest, results please follow the precautions above, your local laws and regulations and also the instruction and advice provided by the finish manufacturers.

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