

How to Finish Tan Stainable Cellular PVC Casing & Jamb Extension



These instructions are intended to give a general overview of the various methods and techniques for staining. Before starting a project, we suggest that you take a look at this video on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/6KpOroJmq8Q>

Tools & Products

You will need the following:

1. Gel Stain – A heavy bodied or heavy pigmented type will perform the best, such as *Minwax® Gel Stain* or equivalent.
2. Topcoat– *Minwax® Indoor/Outdoor Helmsman Spar Urethane* or equivalent.
3. Foam Brush – To apply the initial coat of stain.
4. Badger Hair Paintbrush– A very soft brush used to blend or soften a finish.
5. Cloth or rag to remove the stain.
6. A product such as *Sherwin-Williams® Wood Filler* to fill nail holes, seams and miter joints.
7. Safety Products – Glasses, gloves and garment protection.

Step 1

Follow the manufacturer's recommendations for preparing the stain ("Stir, mix, shake, etc."). Using a foam brush, saturate the product surface with the stain and allow the coating to "rest or soak" for a few minutes. (Note: Time is dependent on type of coating, temperature and desired color.)

Step 2

Start removing the stain with a dry brush. The amount you remove will determine the final color, so start with a light touch in one direction. Try to deliberately vary the amount you remove to create a natural color variation as found in real wood. Also allow the coating to "hang or remain" in the embossed areas to achieve the graining effect.

Step 3

Using the badger hair paintbrush, start blending and softening the coating. (A gel stain will allow the most time for this process.) Coating can be added during this step to darken an area if desired, but use small amounts and periodically dab the brush dry on a clean cloth.

A few points to remember:

- Use long soft strokes and a soft brush: the stiffness of the bristles and the amount of pressure applied will dictate the amount of coating removed.
- A cross-hatching motion will blend color and soften appearance.
- A stippling "pouncing action" will add color back to the product.
- Natural wood varies in color so intentionally leave lighter and darker areas

Step 4

After the stain has dried, complete the job by applying a topcoat for protection. The topcoat must be compatible with the stain.