

REED'S MAGIC ELIXIR

For removal of minor scratches in a home where lacquers (sanding sealer) and some other finishes are used, a mixture of linseed oil and turpentine may prove useful.

Mix half and half boiled linseed oil and turpentine and store in a container that will withstand turpentine (some plastics will deteriorate after long storage and leak).

Apply on wood surface with clean lint free cloth or high dollar paper towel using the lightest application possible. One to two tablespoons of liquid on a square of paper towel will cover five to ten square feet of surface.

After application, wipe area with dry clean lint free cloth and let area dry for 15 to 45 minutes. This is a very important step for this mixture dries from the outside in just like enamel paints. By applying light amounts with half hour drying intervals you reduce the possibility of site contamination.

If after numerous coats (and area is thoroughly dry) to reduce gloss you can burnish area with a piece of brown paper bag.

This can be used on the scratches around the bottoms of the cabinets or any where and works very well, just use in well ventilated area.

Caution: Open windows and allow as much air as possible to circulate. Any fibrous cloth or paper towels containing Linseed Oil must be disposed of properly upon completion of job or within two hours. Spontaneous combustion (a self starting fire) can occur in rags soaked with Linseed Oil if stored in an area with poor air circulation for more than 1 to 2 hours. This is known as "painter's fire".

This recipe was given by Jim Reed who worked for Foretravel years ago and was head of the cabinet shop. He is a very technical man and full of information.