



TYPE of wood, ultimate application, and look your customer wants are the key considerations in how best it should be installed and finished.

- Clean the surface of the wood to be sure it's free from water or other moisture, dirt, dust, or anything else that would affect the paint application.
- Painting in a humid environment? Consider a paint with an included mildewcide.

• Next comes the primer coat: this is important as it provides a nice stable base for the paint. For species like eastern white pine, a high-quality acrylic latex paint may be used as both a primer and top-coat. If you have a few boards filled with knots, there are knot primers available.

• NOW it's time to paint! Brush on two coats of a high-quality acrylic latex paint over the primer (allow the first coat to cure for up to two days before applying the second coat). If it's cold or damp, allow an extra day if needed.

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Advances in exterior stain formulations and performance has led to a growing trend by consumers to use the wide variety of colors now available.

- Since these stains act like paint, brush application is suggested.
- One coat of stain will do the job, but two is better and will provide better protection.

There are multiple variables when it comes to installing and finished wood in a home improvement project: the type of wood chosen, the final application, the look your customer wants at the end of the day; each of these add variations of what's needed with finish and nailing.

Be sure to encourage your customers to do their research to ensure they're making the right choices for a long-term, beautiful result.

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