



How to paint like a professional



WHAT SHOULD YOU CONSIDER IN YOUR CHOICE OF VARNISH?

In order to choose between these various varnishes, you will find it useful to consider your project from a number of different angles.

WHAT PREPARATION IS NECESSARY?

Probably the most critical aspect of any job is the preparation of the surface prior to application of preservatives, primers or topcoats. Poor preparation will always show through to final coat, will reduce the effectiveness of the coating system and can potentially lead to the premature failure and separation of the coating from the substrate.

As a guide you should be aware that you will need to spend up to 80% of the duration of the job on these two activities alone, in order to achieve a first class finish of which you will be proud.

DOES THE SUBSTRATE MATTER?

Carvel and clinker (or lapstrake) constructions are flexible in nature; the wood tends to move as the moisture content varies. Hard systems such as the two-part polyurethanes cannot sufficiently flex to accommodate this movement and are therefore likely to crack. These systems are more suited to the highly stable constructions of double diagonal planking, cold or hot moulded veneers and strip planking where epoxy or Resorcinol type adhesives have been used.

Conventional and premium one-part systems are suitable for all wood constructions.