

HOW TO STAIN A DECK

INSTRUCTIONS

SHOPPING LIST

- Your Favourite Benjamin Moore Exterior Stain
- Jumbo Stain Brush
- Extension Pole or Wooden 4-Foot Handle
- Roller Cage
- Roller Refill
- Roller Tray
- Roller Tray Liner

PREP

1. Proper preparation is THE MOST important part of a great finish. About 95% of finish failures are due to improper preparation. Stains require a clean, sound surface to penetrate – free of dirt, dust, grease, mildew, loose wood fibres, and mill glaze. Work with a **Benjamin Moore** cleaner that's made for this very purpose.
2. Sand with 80 grit sandpaper to remove any unwanted stains or marks. For new wood, sanding removes the mill glaze that's added during the manufacturing process, for older woods, it helps reach the healthy wood surface that's needed for proper penetration.

CHOOSE STAIN & COLOUR

1. Choose the stain that is right for your project such as oil vs. water-based, and transparency.
2. Choose the your colour. Solid stains can be tinted in 3,500+ **Benjamin Moore** colours.

WEATHER CHECK

1. It can take up to 48 hours for stains to dry, check your product to determine dry time and choose your project days. Lap marks can occur if the stain dries too quickly, so avoid staining in direct sunlight.

READY, SET, STAIN!

1. Use a roller or extra wide stain brush with a threaded handle to stain horizontal deck boards. If using a roller, be sure to back brush to work the stain into the wood and between the boards. Staining is best done with a partner to avoid lap marks; one person rolls and the other back brushes. Always stain following the direction of the boards and stain just a few at a time for uniform drying.
2. Let dry 48 hours before heavy foot traffic.

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