

Use These Simple Steps In Refinishing Floors

By doing it yourself, the homeowner can make new-looking floors part of his season's plans. In addition to saving on labor costs, he may find it more economical to rent than to buy the floor sander.

edgers, buffers and waxers. Steps to more beautiful floors are not difficult.

First, remove furniture, rugs, draperies, curtains and any other conveniently-moved equipment. Take off foot mold-

ing. If possible, and label the pieces. Sweep the floor clean and scrape off foreign substances, such as resin, chewing gum, tar, or any other sticky substance. Nail down any loose boards. Countersink all nail heads. If possible, remove radiators, heat grills, stair treads, and the like.

Now you are ready to begin rough sanding. You will need a large drum sander and floor edger. If you choose to rent, you have to purchase the sandpaper you need. Most rental stores, however, sell the variety of grits needed.

ROUGH SANDING with drum machine removes coating from broad areas. Use Coarse No. 3 1/2 (20) or No. 4 (16) discs.

First, sand floor diagonally with the boards and begin near corner. Lower drum gently at start and raise smoothly at end of each path. Go forward and backward over each path. Overlap paths a few inches. Next, sand in opposite diagonal like "X." Then, do third sanding parallel to boards.

Rough sanding with edger removes old coating from borders, closets, and stairs. Start near corner against baseboard, working outward to blend with edges of board areas with feet about two feet apart. Roll edger parallel with wall, doing about 18-inch sections at a time.

SANDING with drum machine

chine gets broad areas ready for finish sanding. Use medium discs No. 2 (36) or No. 2 1/2 (30) paper. In general, work away from electric outlets rather than toward them. Carry cable over shoulder to keep path clear. On new floors, rough sanding step may be skipped, with preparatory sanding first stage.

Follow drum machine with edger to get borders, closets and stairs ready for finish sanding. Use medium discs

No. 2 (36) or No. 2 1/2 (30) paper. After this step, all traces of old coating should be gone.

If not, use machine to clean up any low spots, finishing parallel with the boards. Then, vacuum sanding dust completely.

Apply sealer or finish with varnish brush and lambs wool applicator. Four new finish into two large pans with clean paper under each. Then, start with brush at border about six

inches wide so that applicator doesn't touch the baseboard.

From the other pan follow with lambs wool applicator, working parallel with boards, doing about two by six-inch sections at a time.

Between coats, burnish to take of curled-up surface fibers, dried bubbles and trapped particles. Be sure to vacuum after each application. After floor is sufficiently sealed, wax to finish off.



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