



Things to remember when using Osmo

1. Don't over sand – maximum grit should be 120 paper or screen on hardwoods and 150 on softwoods. We have found 100-120 grit sand paper to give the best results with Australian timber.
2. Don't over apply Osmo finishes – less is best. Also be careful not to under apply as well – a nice even coat is recommended,
3. Use the right equipment for preparation and application – **ONLY USE** short nap Micro Fibre Rollers – we recommend Osmo Rollers. Remember Micro Fibre Rollers are directional so avoid lap marks keep the roller frame on the same side for the whole job (if you start with the frame on the right hand side you finish with the frame on the right hand side) – **DO NOT FLIP THE ROLLER FROM SIDE TO SIDE. DO NOT USE** a Mohair or Lambswool Rollers.
4. When sanding with a Polivac machine – it must be a proper Polivac Sanding Machine not a Polisher. **WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THE USE OF A TRIO MACHINE OR 4 HEAD ATTACHMENTS AS THE FINAL SAND** as this will be too fine for our oil to penetrate. It is also recommended the Polivac be a SV25 (or similar) which spins at low speed (192 rpm) Faster machines are not recommended such as the Polivac SV30 spin at 350 rpm and may close the pores of the timber down too much and stop Osmo products penetrating. Worn sand paper under faster machines is not recommended as they can “burn” the surface of the timber closing the pores even more preventing the correct penetration of OSMO Oils.
Remember that with the oil you want it to penetrate the surface. Unlike coatings where build is the focus – with OSMO penetration is the focus.
5. On very hard Australian Hardwoods [Janka exceeding 10], Spotted Gum we generally recommend the use of Osmo Wood Wax Finishes rather than Osmo Polyx (Hardwax Oils)
6. Also on Red or Dark brown Australian timbers we recommend the first coat be Satin with the second coat Matt. Polyx Oil Rapid should be used in the colder months
7. Fillers - we recommend Timber Mate wood fillers & Redifill in the correct colour / species.
8. Ventilation – air movement in the room /s will assist in the drying process, if at all possible (keeping in mind the security aspects) we recommend leaving window **slightly** open. If that is not possible a small fan running in the room (maybe on a bench top or in a doorway will assist in the drying time. The fan should be positioned so as to draw air over the floor as opposed to blowing directly onto the floor.
9. IMPORTANT to advise your customers to only walk on the new floor for 3 weeks in DRY stocking feet. Sweaty socks and bare feet can leave foot marks on any newly oiled floor. Make sure any water spills are wiped up immediately.
10. When applying Osmo colours be aware the “open time” is less when rolling, ragging or brushing the correct light coats of oil. Make sure you “feather off” completely removing any roller or brush marks once you have reached the desired colour. It is hard to go back over the work and touch up later as the touch up marks may show. So try to get it right first time – **always practice / test on an offcut or where the finish can't be seen BEFORE proceeding to the main work.**
11. When using recycled timber we recommend a wipe down with a white spirit or Turps (after sanding) as a precaution to make sure any residue of old finish is removed as much as possible before oiling.
12. Wash up of equipment is White Spirit or **Turps**.
13. **Try not to rub your hands over the sanded surface to feel for smoothness as there could be something on your hands e.g. glue residue, turps residue, oil from the burger you had for lunch etc. that could leave marks on your work. You may not see the marks until your top coat is dry ?**