

## HOW TO APPLY WATER-BASED COATINGS ON BARE WOOD:

When applying a water-based clear coating on bare types of wood, like oak, water in the coating can "raise the grain" of the wood, creating a rough, or fuzzy surface.

By properly planning the job, you can avoid this problem and get a perfect finish:

- First, sand the wood as smooth as possible.
- Next, deliberately raise the grain by pre-dampening the wood with clean water, using a wet rag or sponge.
- Allow the wood to dry for at least half an hour.
- Sand the wood with fine-grit sandpaper (180-220 grit) *in the direction* of the wood grain.
- Dust off the surface.
- Apply the first coat of clear finish.
- If slight "fuzzing" still occurs, lightly sand and dust off the surface again.
- Apply additional coats of clear finish to achieve the desired result.

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