

# How To Create Faux Wood on Your Plastic Bits

## What you will need:

Minwax Mahogany Gel Stain

Rust Oleum Paint/Primer – yellow

Rust Oleum Crystal Clear Enamel

Foam Sanding Pad

Soft Bristle Hobby Brush

Mineral Spirits



*I'm using a broken interior door trim piece as a sample*

## Step 1.

Degrease Plastic – Paint Object – Two light coats – Let dry overnight – to prep for staining, lightly sand with foam pad. Be careful to scuff the surface not cut it.



Step 2: Apply Stain with soft bristle brush. Cover the entire piece with stain. Don't worry about the brush marks at this point. The objective is just to evenly cover the entire piece. Let it sit for 10 minutes before moving to the next step.



Step 3. Clean your brush with mineral spirits and wipe it with a dry rag then lightly dip the cleaned brush into the mineral spirits and very lightly brush over the piece with the mineral spirits covered brush. As the stain softens, lift or pull the stain off the piece (notice I use the box holding the piece to wipe off excess stain off the brush).

Once you have the look you are looking for stop and let dry for at least 12 hours. You can keep working the piece in layers until you ultimately get the look you want. The idea here is that with a semi-dry brush with mineral spirits you can manipulate the stain. Use your imagination.

Don't worry about making mistakes. If you feel you have a look you don't like take a rag with mineral spirits and rub off the stain....then start over.





#### Step 4.

Seal your work. Once you have let your piece dry a minimum of 12 hours, you will begin the sealing process. Rust-Oleum's Crystal Clear Enamel lets you build up many layers of gloss giving your piece a factory look. I allow a full day to accomplish this.

The first 3 coats of enamel should be very light. You only need to wait 15 minutes between these coats. If at any time you want to add more stain and add another layer (this provides more depth to the piece if you do). If you do this you have to allow another 12 hours for the stain to set.

Otherwise continue adding more coats of enamel until you have at least 10 coats. To achieve a true factory look, let the piece stand for about two hours and lightly sand it until you have a very even surface. Then apply another five coats and let stand for 24 hours before re-installing the piece.



Please be advised that the piece will continue to be somewhat “fragile” for the next week. So handle with care.