

FINISHING 1; STAINS

- ① After a wooden project has been sanded smooth and is free from glue it is ready to be **finished**.
- ② The word '**finish**' refers to the '*look*' of a wooden project.
- ③ There are *three types* of finishes: **Natural** **Stains** **Painted**
 - i A **natural** finish highlights the natural colour of the wood used to make the project.
 - ii A **stain** finish alters the colour of the wood.
 - iii A **paint** finish hides the wood altogether.
- ④ The most *common* wood finish is **staining**.
- ⑤ Stains are **pigments** (colours) dissolved into a chemical **solvent** that evaporates after it is applied, therefore it is necessary to have proper ventilation to prevent being poisoned by the fumes.

☞ Safety glasses and protective clothing **should be worn** *because stains splash easily*.
- ⑥ There are *three reasons* to stain a project :
 - i. to highlight the grain
 - ii to even out the colour of the wood
 - iii to change the colour of the wood
- ⑦ Stains are usually brushed on and then *wiped off* with a rag to evenly distribute the stain over the project, therefore the name '**wiping stain**'.