

Linseed Oil Is Versatile Work Horse Around House

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One way to spot a real pro

among handymen is to notice how many uses he finds for linseed oil.

Linseed oil is available in both

raw and boiled form. Raw linseed oil can take up to four days to dry after applying it. The boiled product dries quickly, is often used in with turpentine or other thinners.

Check First

Before using either form for thinning paint check the manufacturer's instructions. Linseed oil is often used to turn ordinary house paint into a primer coat.

You can also use raw linseed oil to rejuvenate old putty that's become too hard to work with. Add the oil and work it into the putty until it's pliable.

Use boiled linseed oil for all the other jobs mentioned here.

New Brushes

Before dipping a new brush in paint, soak the bristles in linseed oil for 24 hours. You'll find the brush more pliable, easier to use.

Linseed oil is one of the oldest and best wood preservatives. Brush the oil on unpainted fence pickets and posts every year. Wipe it on garden tool handles to keep them from drying out.

Never paint a ladder since you'll never be able to tell what defects are developing underneath. Use linseed.

Mix two parts of linseed oil to one part of turpentine and you have an excellent preservative and polish. Apply to outdoor furniture and rub in until dry.

Use the oil-turpentine mixture right over your painted window sills to preserve them. Apply it to screen doors, screens and windows to help them withstand the weather.

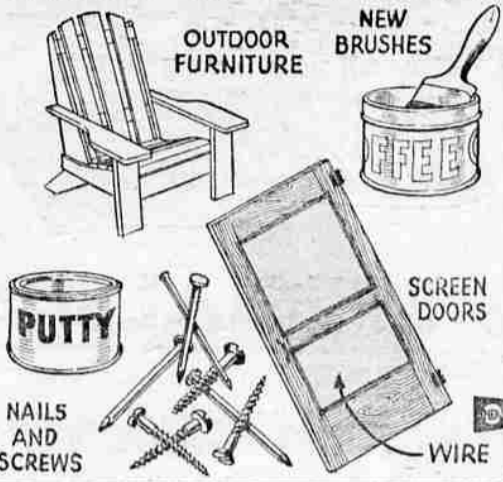
Dipping nails and screws in linseed oil will keep them from rusting, make them easier to use.

Use linseed oil in place of wax on drawers to keep them from sticking.

Q—Can aluminum be soldered? I was told it cannot be.

A—There is a comparatively new product in the market that will usually do the job.

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Knowledge Of Soldering Vital In Home

By MR. FIX
Written for NEA

Solder is the "glue" that holds pieces of metal together. Knowing how to solder is necessary if you do any electrical work, install or alter plumbing or want to repair small metal items such as kitchen utensils, toys or costume jewelry.

To do any of these jobs you'll need a source of heat (soldering iron or blow torch), solder and flux.

Electric soldering irons are inexpensive and easy to use. Owning one will equip you for most jobs. A blow torch is used where large objects are worked on and a great deal of heat is needed.

Solder is a mixture of lead and tin which melts when heat is applied, flows smoothly into a joint and then cools quickly. It's

available in both bar and wire forms.

Cleaning Agent

Flux is used for the final cleaning of the surfaces to be soldered. Flux is available in cans or tubes for separate application or is built into the solder.

Flux is in two forms — acid and rosin. Acid is used for general repair work, the rosin for copper, tin and all electrical work.

Just as in gluing, surfaces must be properly prepared. Clean off all rust, grease, dirt and tarnish.

Don't Heat Solder

The heat is applied to the work, not the solder.

Hold the iron below the work while the solder is touched to the opposite side. If this isn't practical, hold the hot tip against the work and then allow the solder to melt against the iron at that point.

Smooth the solder joint with iron tip. Pieces being joined must be held firmly in place and should not be allowed to move until cool. Use clamps, a vise or vise-grip pliers.

If soldering two flat pieces of metal face to face clean each piece and then apply solder to

each separately. After you've tinned these two pieces clamp them together and apply heat again which will cause the solder to re-melt and flow together.

Add more solder to edge of the seam during this process to make certain there are no gaps. This method is known as "sweat soldering."

Electric Wires

When soldering electric wires together splice them first by twisting them together. Don't count on the solder to hold them alone. Hold the heated iron below the splice. When the wires have become heated, place the solder above the splice and it will melt and flow into place.

When soldering pipe joints, brush on flux after cleaning. Apply to surfaces and then assemble. Heat the joint with a blow torch and then apply solder to edges of joint so that it will melt and flow into joint.

FIX-IT FORUM

Q—Is there such a thing as a full-size swimming pool built above ground?

A—Yes, one such model is manufactured by International Swimming Pool Corp., White Plains, N.Y.



By ANDY LANG
AP Newsfeatures

Question: I want to apply liquid wood preservative to some fence posts I will be placing in the ground. Should the preservative be applied with a brush?

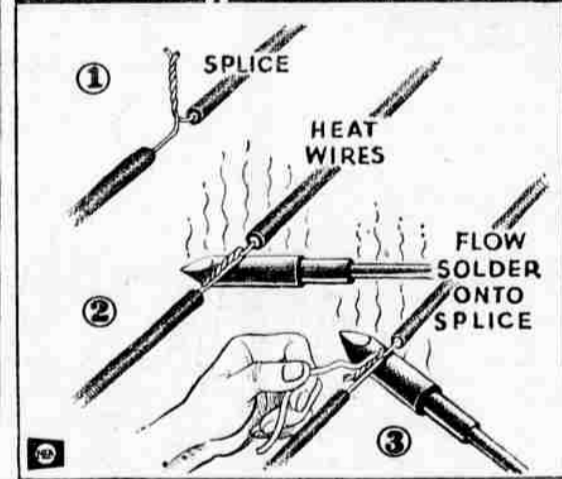
Answer: Generally, the preservative can be applied with a brush. However, it is essential that the portion of the posts below ground be treated more intensively than that which will be above ground. One way to do this is to fill a galvanized steel pail about half full of the preservative. Place the lower portion of the post in the pail for a minute or two. The upper portion, which projects above the liquid, can then be coated with a brush. After the treated post has been removed from the pail, place it on some old newspapers so that the drippings do not damage the floor or lawn.

Question: In applying putty when replacing a broken window pane, should the putty be painted or left as is?

Answer: Putty will last longer if it is painted. However, allow the putty about 24 hours' drying time before putting on the paint. Also, the channel into which the putty is placed should be painted or brushed with linseed oil before application of the putty. This prevents the putty from drying out too quickly.

(Questions of general interest will be answered in this column. However, Mr. Lang can not undertake individual correspondence.)

Soldering Electrical Wires



Roper Confused About Results

CHICAGO (UPI)—Pollster Elmo Roper refused Thursday to predict who would win Tuesday's presidential election.

"At this date all I can say is I don't understand my own data," Roper told a luncheon of the Executives Club.

Roper said his October polls shows percentages of 46 to 45 with 9 per cent undecided. But he refused to say whether Sen. John F. Kennedy or Vice President Richard M. Nixon had the one-point edge.

The undecided voters, he said, "could continue to make the election close, or give either man a landslide."

Three fourths of the undecided

voters are Democrats and three-fourths are Protestant, Roper said.

Protestants were 2 to 1 for Nixon and Catholics 3½ to 1 for Kennedy, he added. Jews favor Kennedy 5 to 1 and Negroes favor him 2.2 to 1, Roper told the executives.

He said he would conduct one more nationwide poll before the election and if the percentage of undecided voters declines he will predict the outcome.

HAS ROUGH DAY

LONDON (UPI)—A housewife Thursday sent her electricity payment to the gas board and enclosed her telephone bill.

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