
Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge needed to French polish furniture using traditional methods to a glass finish.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. comply with health and safety requirements and procedures at all times
2. obtain specifications and requirements following standard operating procedures
3. obtain equipment and materials required following standard operating procedures
4. check equipment is set up correctly and in good working order following standard operating procedures and any manufacturer's instructions
5. check materials required meet specifications and are free from faults
6. prepare surfaces following standard operating procedures
7. colour match finishes to meet specifications
8. apply shellac to surfaces following standard operating procedures (skinnying/bodying)
9. build up layers of shellac following standard operating procedures
10. spirit off surfaces following standard operating procedures
11. check work meets specifications

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. relevant health and safety responsibilities
2. meaning of terms used in specifications
3. how to check equipment is set up and is in good working order
4. how to check materials and the common faults that can occur
5. how to prepare surfaces
6. how to colour match finishes
7. how to apply shellac to surfaces (skinnying/bodying)
8. how to build up layers of shellac
9. how to spirit off surfaces

French polish furniture

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