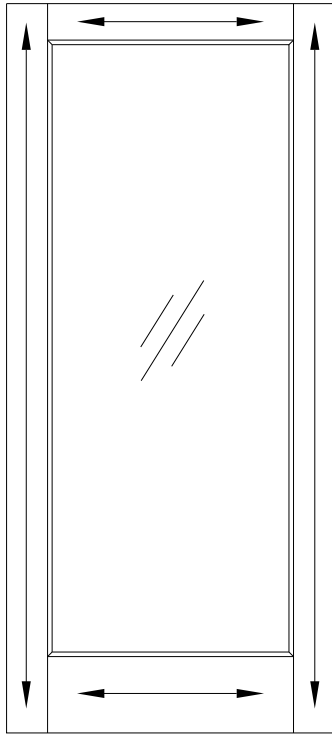


# Interior Door Care

## Finishing Instructions

Follow instructions here on finishing your new interior door. Remember to finish all six sides and follow the appropriate instructions below based on your desired finish type.

**Figure 1**



**Note – Always follow the stain manufacturer's instructions.**

## Preparing Your New Door For Finishing

1. Mask or remove any hardware (hinges, handles, etc.). Mask glass (if applicable) before painting or staining.
2. Sand the entire surface lightly using 5/0 sandpaper (180 grit) before you apply first coat of finish. Always sand in the direction of the wood grain, see Figure 1.
3. Wipe dust and sand grit from the door with clean cloth. Avoid using abrasive or caustic cleaners.

## Staining/Finishing Your Door

1. Complete steps 1-3 for Preparing Your New Door For Finishing. Apply a base coat of pre-sealer on all six sides of door before staining (This is important especially on pine and maple doors).
2. Stain door to desired color following stain manufacturer's instructions. Always stain in the direction of the wood grain, see Figure 1.
3. For best results, apply at least two clear top coats over stain, sanding lightly between coats. Use 6/0 (220 grit) or finer sandpaper. Make sure that stain and top coat are compatible materials.

## Care and Maintenance

- Clean glass regularly or as needed
- Each year try to wipe down your doors to remove any dust or debris buildup
- Finishing wear: Re-paint or top coat (stained doors) as you notice slight fading or wear on your original finish applied

## Painting Primed Door

1. Complete steps 1-3 for Preparing Your New Door For Finishing. Although primed door does not require sanding prior to finishing, light sanding (180 grit) will allow for optimum adhesion of paint.
2. Finish the door with two coats of latex, oil-base or lacquer paint. Make sure to allow door to completely dry between coats on all six sides of door. Always paint in the direction of Figure 1.