

How To Make Friction Polish

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Friction polish is a shellac based polish made from equal parts of shellac, mentholated spirits, boiled linseed oil and a small amount of beeswax, approx. 1 desert spoon to a litre of liquid. The best shellac is blond shellac as the finished product will then not discolor the wood.

First dissolve the beeswax in the mentholated spirit this can be done by chopping up the the beeswax and just leaving it overnight in the mentholated spirits. The following day simply add the other ingredients and shake vigorously. The mixture will separate and should be shaken before use. Commercial products are homogenized to avoid this problem. If the shaking bothers you, you can use emulsifying wax instead of the beeswax.