

Floor Care and Maintenance Guide for Oil-Finished Hardwood Floors

Proper care and maintenance will ensure the longevity and beauty of your oil-finished hardwood floors. Unlike urethane-coated floors, oil-finished floors are designed to be periodically re-oiled rather than sanded, providing long-lasting durability while maintaining their natural look.

Preventative Maintenance

To protect your flooring from unnecessary wear and damage, follow these preventive measures:

- **Minimize Abrasion:** Place protective mats at entryways to reduce dirt and moisture tracking. Use area rugs in high-traffic areas, particularly in front of sinks.
- **Furniture Protection:** Attach felt pads to the legs of all furniture and chairs to prevent scratches when moving them.
- **Spill Management:** Wipe up spills immediately to prevent staining and buildup.
- **Humidity Control:** Maintain indoor humidity levels between **35-70%** year-round to prevent expansion or contraction. A humidifier or dehumidifier may be necessary, depending on seasonal conditions.
- **Sunlight Exposure:** Protect your floors from excessive direct sunlight and intense artificial lighting, as prolonged exposure can cause fading and discoloration, particularly on lighter-colored woods.

Avoid:

- Solvent-based cleaners (such as Windex or standard urethane floor cleaners) that dry out the wood.
 - Steam mops or excessive water, as they may damage the finish.
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Recommended Cleaning Products

To preserve the finish and appearance of your floors, use only approved cleaning solutions. We recommend the following brands:

For Regular Cleaning:

- Bona Natural Oil Floor Cleaner Kit
- Bona Professional Series Natural Oil Floor Cleaner (32oz Spray Bottle)

For Spot/Stain Removal:

- Woca Spot Remover (ideal for removing fats and heavy oils that may stain the floor)

For Deep Cleaning (Monthly or Quarterly):

- Woca Natural Soap (1 Liter, Natural)

For Annual or Bi-Annual Maintenance:

- Woca Wood Cleaner (1 Liter) (Prepares floor for re-oiling)
- Woca Oil Refresher (1 Liter, Natural) (Recommended for Barley, Natural R&Q, or Vintage finishes)
- Woca Oil Refresher (1 Liter, White) (Recommended for Frost finish)

Always follow the instructions on the product label and test in a small, inconspicuous area before applying across your floor.

Spot Repair and Touch-Ups

One major advantage of oil-finished floors is the ability to repair small scratches and imperfections without sanding the entire floor. If deep scratches occur, the affected area can be lightly sanded and re-oiled to blend seamlessly with the rest of the floor.

Matching Touch-Up Oils: Use Rubio Monocoat products to match

Note: Spot repairs should be limited to small areas (no larger than a tea cup saucer). If a larger section requires re-oiling, consult a professional with expertise in oil-finished flooring.

Final Thoughts

With proper care, your oil-finished hardwood floor will maintain its beauty and integrity for years to come. Routine maintenance, immediate spill cleanup, and occasional re-oiling will ensure lasting durability.

For further guidance, consult a professional or reach out to your flooring supplier for specific product recommendations.