1954

Polish With Wax

Joan Mertens

Iowa State College

Follow this and additional works at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker

Part of the Home Economics Commons

Recommended Citation

Mertens, Joan (1954) "Polish With Wax," The Iowa Homemaker: Vol. 34 : No. 4 , Article 5.
Available at: http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/homemaker/vol34/iss4/5

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Student Publications at Iowa State University Digital Repository. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Iowa Homemaker by an authorized editor of Iowa State University Digital Repository. For more information, please contact digirep@iastate.edu.
Rub an apple on your sleeve and it shines. That’s because it has a natural wax covering that protects, preserves and beautifies just as any wax does.

But you can rub your dusty, scratched, finger-marked desk or dresser until the finish disintegrates, and it still won’t shine. It has no natural wax finish so it needs an added wax coat to protect the surface from scratches, spots and moisture, and to make it shine.

It’s easier to keep a waxed surface clean, too. Just whisk dust away instead of scrubbing to remove an accumulated pile of dirt. You’ll like to touch a clean, dry surface better than a sticky, smudged one.

Quick wax tricks

A little paste or liquid wax does perfect apple polishing on your school furniture. But apples and furniture aren’t the only things that can be shined. Here are a few wax tricks that you ought to polish up on. They’re easy, quick and very helpful to a busy and bright student.

1. If desk drawers, doors or windows stick, rub the edges with wax. Any type will do, but paste wax is the preferred lubricant.
2. Dust, pencil shavings and other loose dirt won’t collect on the bottom and sides of a waxed waste-basket.
3. Nail polish caps and tops for all your bottles won’t stick if you wipe a bit of wax on them.
4. When hangers “clump” on the clothes closet rod, pour some self-polishing wax on the rod so they’ll slip along easily.
5. Zippers will work smoothly if you apply a little paste wax; slide the zipper up and down several times to work the wax into the grooves.
6. That much-used telephone could stand a little finger-mark erasing and brightening with wax.
7. Regular household wax does the same job for your shoes as a polish at the shoe shop.
8. Saving autumn leaves for a scrapbook or party? You can keep them brilliant and fresh looking for weeks by dipping in liquid wax.
9. Before your fall fireside, remember to spread a coat of wax over the fireplace bricks so that it will be easier to clean off soot and smoke stains.
10. Believe it or not, glass candleholders take on a crystal brilliance beneath a coat of wax. Metal or wood ones are more beautiful when waxed, too.
11. For Christmas, spray your Christmas tree and...
You'll really be an apple polisher if you'll use a little paste or liquid wax on your furniture, shoes, waste basket and other metallic, plastic, wood and leather articles you find.

Wreath with a self-polishing wax to enhance their beauty and prolong their life. For added wintry charm, sprinkle artificial snow on the needles while the wax is wet.

12. Pine cones dipped in wax and artificial snow make pretty Yuletide ornaments for your tree or mantel.
13. All items of silver, brass, copper and chrome will stay sparkling bright when waxed. Corrosion and tarnish will be greatly retarded, too, if you'll wax trays, lamps, picture frames, clocks and other ornaments.
14. Protect leather gifts from scuffs with a glossy coat of wax. Try waxing your luggage, purses, belts and jewelry box.
15. If you ice skate, ski, toboggan or sled, you'll want to wax all the wood and metal to keep it bright, slippery and protected.