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## *Should I treat oak with Oils/Varnishes?*

All internal joinery, furniture or flooring should be oiled or varnished. This will prevent the timber from getting dirty and most importantly help to keep it square and straight. By oiling both sides of a panel you balance the porosity of the board to water vapour making it less likely to warp, if one side has a moisture content of 14% it will swell compared to the other side at 10%.

There is a bewildering array of products available now, with every shade and texture possible. There are even products available which will seal the wood but will dry to look as if nothing has been applied.

Oak is durable with or without oils. External joinery can be oiled or not according to your preferences. With exposure to the elements, irrespective of oil applications, oak will weather back to a silver grey colour. However, most people will oil windows and doors, enhancing stability. The oil that has soaked in will continue to seal the wood after the surface layer is gone.

All natural oils oxidize to form a varnish, 2 or 3 layers of oil will form a hard varnish layer both within the wood and on its surface.

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