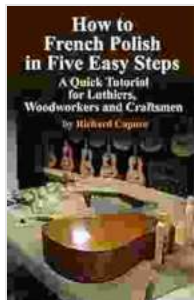


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French polishing is a traditional wood finishing technique that has been used for centuries to create a beautiful, high-gloss finish. This tutorial will teach you how to french polish in five easy steps, so that you can achieve a professional-looking finish on your own woodworking projects.

### Step 1: Prepare the wood

The first step is to prepare the wood for french polishing. This involves sanding the wood to a smooth finish, and then applying a coat of shellac or other sanding sealer. This will help to create a smooth, even surface for the french polish to adhere to.

### Step 2: Apply the french polish

Once the wood is prepared, you can begin to apply the french polish. French polish is a mixture of shellac and oil, and it is typically applied with a pad made of cotton or wool. To apply the french polish, dip the pad into the polish and then rub it onto the wood in a circular motion. Be sure to apply the polish evenly, and to work it into the wood grain.

### **Step 3: Level the french polish**

Once the french polish has been applied, you need to level it. This involves using a scraper or a burnishing tool to smooth out the surface of the polish. To level the french polish, hold the scraper or burnishing tool at a slight angle to the wood, and then scrape or burnish the surface of the polish in a circular motion. Be careful not to apply too much pressure, or you will remove the polish.

### **Step 4: Apply additional coats of french polish**

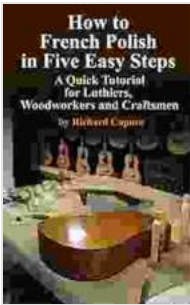
Once the french polish has been leveled, you can apply additional coats of polish to build up the finish. To apply additional coats of french polish, simply repeat steps 2 and 3. Be sure to allow each coat of polish to dry completely before applying the next coat.

### **Step 5: Finish the french polish**

Once you are satisfied with the finish of the french polish, you can finish it by applying a coat of wax. This will help to protect the polish and give it a beautiful shine. To apply the wax, simply apply a thin coat of wax to the surface of the polish and then buff it to a shine.

French polishing is a beautiful and traditional wood finishing technique that can be used to create a professional-looking finish on your own woodworking projects. By following the steps outlined in this tutorial, you

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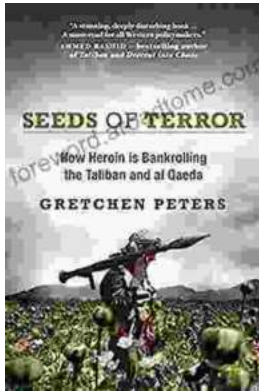
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