



## Why Acrylic polyurethane finish is best to use with indoor and some outdoor log or wood finishing projects

Lacy Cooke from The GoodTimber log furnishings and cabin decor writes:

Acrylic polyurethane water base finish is where the industry of quality finish is headed. At least those that know their finish! Over the next decade, there's a good chance water based materials will take over as the finishing line as manufacturers respond to the improved materials as well and to environmental pressures from the government and in the market place. In other words it is green friendly.



Oil base finish had been used for years and still is, mainly because people don't know any different. Wood manufacturers, like us, making the change say they're getting results much better than with solvents/oil based finishes. The water base is a much better quality, It dries much faster than oil base finish and is much more durable. It cleans with water, and can be applied indoors. Water base finishes such as Benjamin Moore and Minwax versions (our favorites here at the shop) will not only last longer with better penetration, but will keep the natural color of the wood.

Changes to water base materials reflect woodworker awareness of the health issues and the final product. It can be used as a protective coating over previously painted surfaces and can also be applied to previously stained or varnished interior wood surfaces including floors. This finish stays clear verses oil base that may cause premature yellowing of the base coat thus hiding the beauty of the God given woods. Water base keeps the natural color and beauty of the wood. A well done water base finish for a piece of log furniture looks like it had just been through a rainstorm. It's like looking at HD TV or blue ray, it simply adds to the color and beauty.

These finish materials generally cost more, but indirect costs including easier clean up and lower waste disposal cost, help balance the direct cost. It is well worth the money.

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