



# Remove Wood Stain

## Items You'll Need:

- Klean-Strip® Strip-X® Stripper:
- Chemical splash goggles:  
Chemical splash glasses must be worn whenever there is a chance of a chemical splash or spray. They can be obtained at most home centers and hardware stores.
- Chemical-resistant gloves:  
Most chemical resistant gloves withstand exposure to solvents and other chemicals and withstand tears and punctures. Always read and follow the glove manufacturer's instructions before use. It's a good idea to purchase several pair at your home center or hardware store and change out as needed.
- A Plastic Stripping Tool
- An Abrasive Stripping Pad
- A Stripping Brush (for working small areas)
- Wooden orange sticks (for working detailed areas)
- These are actually manicurist tools and are available at most drug stores.
- 2" or 3" natural-bristle paint brushes
- Metal container, clean and empty
- Heavy plastic drop cloths (6 mil recommended)
- Soft cotton rags for clean-up
- Klean-Strip® Paint Stripper After Wash
- A solvent that will remove any remaining paint and remove any residue from the stripping process.

## Going Au Naturele.

With the right stain stripper, a few hours and a little guidance from our pros, you can restore wood back to its original unfinished state and turn your smoky-brown bench into a blonde beauty.

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### Step 1: Set Up

Pour the Klean-Strip® Strip-X® Stripper into the metal container. If possible, keep work surface horizontal. If applying to a vertical surface, plan to begin at the bottom and work up because vapors can accumulate near the floor.

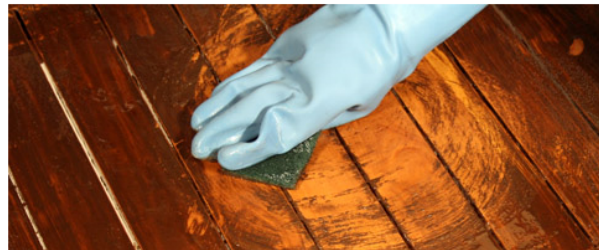
If you are working with a piece of furniture or other object that has removable hardware, such as handles or other ornaments, remove these first and set them aside.



### Step 2: Lay It On Thick

Apply an even, liberal coat of stripper, at least 1/8" thick, to a small area. It's important to limit your work to a small area (9 sq. ft.), because fire and safety hazards will increase dramatically when used over large areas.

If the piece you are working on has a lot of intricate detail, such as sculpted carvings, make sure to use the tips of your brush to work the stripper into the recesses of the wood.



### Step 3: Check Progress

After 15-30 minutes, you should start to see the chemical reaction happening. The paint will start to bubble up and swell, and this will show that the finish is separating itself from the surface. Scrape a small test area to see if the finish is softened and ready for removal. In stubborn spots, you could also use the plastic scraper tool. Reapply stripper as necessary to keep the surface wet.

## Before You Start

### 1. Read The Instructions

Always read all cautions and directions on the product label before beginning a project. You should understand all aspects of the project before you begin. You can also print this project plan and bring it along with you to the job site.

### 2. Prepare The Work Area

For best results, use chemicals in temperatures between 65° and 85°F and away from strong breeze and hot sun. Protect surrounding areas with a heavy plastic drop cloth. If working indoors, open all windows and doors and maintain a cross ventilation of moving fresh air across the work area.

### 3. Ready To Begin

When you are ready to get started, put on your chemical splash goggles and solvent-resistant gloves. Make sure you have soft rags within easy reach for cleanup of any splashes during the project.

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## Don't Let The Stripper Dry

Don't let the stripper dry out as you work. If you find yourself getting too focused on one area, the other side could be drying out, which could cause the paint to re-adhere. As you progress, keep re-applying the stripper to keep the entire surface wet and workable.



### Step 4: Remove The Stripper And The Finish Comes With It

Remove loosened finish by gently scraping in direction of wood grain. Reapply stripper as necessary to keep the surface wet. With a low-grit abrasive pad or plastic stripping tool, gently remove stripper, which will be combined with old finish. Continue to alternately scrape, reapply stripper, and wipe with cloths as you progress.



### Step 5: Finish Up

By now, you should be seeing the fresh, clean surface emerging from beneath all that old finish. When the antique looks clean and clear of most finish, wipe off the excess using an abrasive pad dipped in Klean-Strip® Paint Stripper After Wash or Klean-Strip® Odorless Mineral Spirits. Surface should be completely clean and dry before refinishing. Return unused stripper to the original container.

After each work session, place all rags, applicators, and old-finish residue in a well-ventilated area. Allow liquid to evaporate and residue to dry outdoors then dispose of in accordance with federal, state and local regulations.

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