

TAPE PEEL TEST

Use the tape peel test when planning to stain older, weathered wood that has been coated with a solid color stain. This will determine if your wood is ready to be stained or needs to be stripped first.

1. Use a putty knife or other sharp blade and cut a small "X" in 2 or 3 random spots on the surface. Be careful not to cut into the wood.
2. Cover the cuts with duct tape, and press down firmly on the tape.
3. Then quickly remove the tape.
4. If any flakes of old wood stain or wood fibers are stuck on the tape, your wood needs to be stripped before you stain.



IMPORTANCE OF CLEANING THE WOOD

To remove dirt and contaminants that may have accumulated on the wood, first clean it with Olympic® Deck Cleaner - this is true for both new and old wood. Cleaning the wood before staining allows for better stain penetration and maximum durability. After cleaning, allow the wood to dry and then cut it down to size.

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