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8 oz. bottle of Gerstner Finish Preserver is formulated with fine oils which clean, polish and protect wood finishes while covering up minor scratches & abrasions. Conditions and restores the hand-rubbed finish on all Gerstner Chests.



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Before Restoration



After Restoration



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• Instructions for Use •



WHEW GLUE!

*The odiferous genuine animal hide glue
used by the craftsmen of Gerstner.*

WHEW GLUE!™ Instructions

Read these instructions before use of product!

Thank you for your purchase of Whew Glue from Gerstner. You will soon find that this water-soluble non-toxic adhesive works great for adhering genuine Gerstner felt and leatherette. Whew glue is purified high grade hide-glue – very similar to the adhesive used for centuries in the construction of fine furniture and musical instruments. Many of the valuable properties of hide glue to this day cannot be reproduced in modern synthetic adhesives.

Recommended items you will need:

- Premeasured bag of Whew Glue from Gerstner
- 8oz. of clean water (for mixing in bag of glue)
- 3 - 4 inches of water in a cooking pot
- 2-inch flat painter's bristle brush (included in kit)
- Damp washcloth sized rag
- Gerstner replacement felt or leatherette
- Strip thermometer (included in kit)
- Rubber gloves for handling bag of glue after heated (included in kit)
- 1-gallon sealable plastic bag

Step 1

Cut material (felt or leatherette) to size needed for project (test fit before gluing).

Step 2

Heat pot of water to 160 degrees as indicated on strip thermometer.

Step 3

Pour 8oz. of tap water into 1-gallon sealable plastic bag and close. Carefully place bag into pot of heated water. Heating process should take about 10 minutes or so for glue to melt and mix with water. With bag closed, make sure you squish contents around prior to use to ensure proper mixing. **Be very careful as contents of bag will be extremely hot!** While mixing and using contents – to prevent burns in case of bag rupture, never hold bag over any part of your body. Always mix, handle and use glue bag while holding in or over the pot of hot water. By following this safe practice, if the bag breaks or tears, the hot glue will fall harmlessly into the pot of water.

Step 4

Open bag and dip brush into glue mix. Apply an even coat of glue to the **PART** being covered. The surface should be clean and flat prior to glue application. **DO NOT** leave any bare areas as the material will lift up if not 100% glued down. Also note, if the glue bag is left out of the water pot for extended amounts of time it will cool and become lumpy. If the glue becomes thick or lumpy return it to the heated water pot for reheating. Always do one area or drawer at a time or work in manageable sections. The idea is to apply the glue and then the material to the surface as soon as possible. **DO NOT** apply glue directly to the felt or leatherette with the brush. Instead, always apply to the part or surface being covered.

Step 5

After pressing material (felt or leatherette) to the glued surface, make several passes with your hand laid flat on the material. You want to do this several times as the glue will be cooling and bonding with the material as you press. After 15-20 seconds the fabric should stay down and flat. If the fabric pops up, keep rubbing and pressing it down until it holds itself.

Step 6

Use damp rag to clean off excess glue around the edges of the drawer or part. All tools can be cleaned with hot soapy water. After you have completed your project, zip the Whew Glue bag closed and discard into the trash within several days. Any unused portion when left for over one week of time will become unusable.

Always heat glue bag in pot of water NOT to exceed 160 degrees Fahrenheit!

NEVER attempt to heat glue bag in microwave!

If you are unsure about these instructions or have addition questions, please call us at: 937-228-1662 during regular business hours. We are not open on weekends.

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