

## Secret Magic Furniture Restorer

Happy to share the recipe for my secret magic furniture restorer – OK, known to all English antique dealers.



**Ordinary malt vinegar - 2 fl.oz.**

**Linseed oil - 2 fl.oz.**

**Turpentine (real, not white spirit) - 2 fl. oz.**

**Ethyl alcohol - 1 fl.oz.**

Ordinary domestic meths will do for the alcohol, but it smells horrid (in UK anyway).

Put in an oversize bottle and shake well before and during use. It looks like salad dressing, but best not to eat it.

The vinegar removes dirt, linseed oil penetrates the wood and restores colour, sun-bleaching, etc. The turpentine softens hard wax, and removes excess dirty wax. The alcohol gently softens the shellac, and permits re-finishing.

Apply with a soft cloth, but use 0000 steel wool first for anything really dirty. Especially for hard cases, best to come back again tomorrow. Soon you should be able to achieve a nice gentle glow by polishing with a soft cloth. Seems to work on all antiques or modern pieces with traditional finishes but no good for polyester, polyurethane, etc.