



# Getting Started with Osmo

A simple guide to your first Osmo application — for floors, furniture, joinery and any interior timber.

Osmo finishes are a natural oil and wax emulsion, not a paint — so a little goes further than you'd expect. Applied thinly and evenly, they bring out the timber's natural beauty and can be refreshed for generations without sanding back to bare wood. Follow these three steps for a beautiful first result.

## 1

### PREPARE

#### Sand to the right grit, then stir well

Sanding too fine closes up the timber's grain and stops the oil penetrating properly. As a guide: dense timbers such as **Kwila, Jarrah and Totara** need 80-100 grit; medium-density timbers like **Oak, Rimu and Macroparpa** suit 120 grit; softwoods such as **pine, cedar and kauri** can go up to 150 grit. Once you're ready to apply, stir the can thoroughly for at least 5 minutes with a proper paint stirrer — Top Oil should be shaken well instead.

## 2

### APPLY

#### Apply thin, even coats with the grain

Osmo finishes are concentrated, so less is best. Use a good-quality brush, a microfibre roller with a short 3-5mm nap, or a lint-free cloth, and always work with the timber's grain. Two thin coats is all most projects need — a 2.5L can of Polyx-Oil covers around 60m<sup>2</sup> per coat.

## 3

### CURE

#### Keep the air moving while it cures

Osmo finishes dry by air exchange, not evaporation, so good airflow speeds things up. Open windows during the day where you can, or run a small fan gently overhead overnight. Surfaces are usually touch-dry within 24 hours and fully cured in about 21 days — treat them gently over this time for the best long-term result.

#### A FEW THINGS TO AVOID

- **Over-sanding.** It closes the timber's grain and stops the oil absorbing properly.
- **Working in direct heat or full sun.** Apply in cooler, well-ventilated conditions where you can.
- **Over-applying.** More oil means longer drying, a patchy finish and watermarking — thin coats only.
- **Disturbing the surface while curing.** Skip rugs, dragged furniture and metal tins for the first 21 days.