

TopOil Best Practices: How to care for your newly oiled surface?

Newly oiled wooden surfaces using TopOil require approximately 2-3 weeks to completely cure and harden properly before normal usage.

We understand not every surface can be left untouched during the curing period, which is why we have some best practices below!



General Cleaning & Care

- Avoid dragging hard and heavy objects across the surface
- Fit protective felt pads where possible
- Avoid covering the finish (boards, containers, white goods etc)
- Ensure good ventilation where possible
- Use a damp cloth to wipe down rather than cleaning products
- Once cured, use Osmo Spray Cleaner or Wash and Care
- Cooking: During & After Care
- Avoid placing hot pans upon the surface at all times
- Avoid leaving/spilling strong substances
- Especially avoid baking powder, bicarbonate of soda and vinegar
- Protect surfaces against splatter
- Wipe up all spillages promptly

Liquids & Washing Up

- Avoid placing wet items directly onto the surface
- Place a towel under wet items to catch excess water
- Strong detergents and washing up liquid will strip cured natural oils and waxes away.
- Expect more maintenance and reapplication in these vulnerable areas
- Once cured, avoid wet items being on the surface for long periods of time
- Always use a protective mat underneath wet cast iron items to prevent staining

Ongoing Maintenance

Depleted surfaces oiled with TopOil will no longer repel water. When you see signs of this, please follow our reapplication method.

- Clean with Osmo Spray Cleaner
- Once cleaned, damp rinse surface and dry thoroughly
- Once dried, apply TopOil very thinly to surface using a lint free cloth
- Follow best practices for curing process



Making Repairs

Going forwards, it can be possible to spot sand and repair the current water marks. It will be necessary to use the same finish sanding grade to sand back, then re – treat those spot areas using the same application technique originally carried out. Once these areas have been allowed to dry, I would suggest applying a little more oil to hopefully build up some protection. I would suggest using an Osmo applicator fleece / pad for this procedure. Alternatively, completely sanding back the work top, finishing to the P120 would give the best results for applying the oils