

# DC003 Architect Specification... Finish softwood floors with Woca Softwood Lye and Faxe White Soap

## Preparation

Wood must be finely and evenly sanded to at least grit 100 prior to finishing. Clean dust & dirt from the whole wood surface. Cover any adjacent surfaces that may be splashed during the finishing process.

Use plain water to wet the wood surface evenly before works begin.

## The process: Day 1

Woca Softwood Lye is a pigmented solution that ensures the floor will remain light after it is finished and will further lighten as it is exposed to sunlight.

- 1) Pour all the Lye into your bucket and ensure no solids remain in the canister. Stir thoroughly. If necessary cut open the canister to remove final residue.
- 2) Apply a generous coat to the wood. Spread evenly with the pad and Doodlebug. Do not leave unnatural sweeps or pools of Lye, since these will dry unevenly.
- 4) Before moving onto Stage 2 ensure the floor is thoroughly dry: 1 hour prior to soap finishing.

## The soaping process: Day 2 / Stage 2

The Faxe White Soap concentrate contains white pigments so mix well before diluting it. **Dilute 50/50 with water.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Application

Apply to the floor at a rate of 10 m<sup>2</sup> per liter using the same Doodlebug fitted with a fresh white pad.

### 2nd Application

Repeat the same process with a **dilution of 25/75 with water**. Allow the floor to dry, perhaps 1 to 2 hours.

### 1<sup>st</sup> clean of excess soap

Use the Scrub-Mop head under the Doodlebug to wipe all excess soap from the wood. To do this make a mix of Natural Soap (white) with water. **The dilution rate will be 1 to 40.** As you work continue to rinse the Mop Head out in clean water and wring out before proceeding. Allow it to dry. You will be working away excess soap while doing this.

### 2nd clean of excess soap

Repeat this process.

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