

Walnut Dye Finishing Procedures by Ten Wolves Five Shooter

- 1- do all edge trimming and spots, carving and concho's ,(if wanted), sew holster ..
- 2- put in natural Walnut dye for desired depth of color up to 24 hours if needed,
- 3- take out of dye
- 4- wet mold your plastic bag wrapped gun for 30 minutes right away..
- 5- take gun out very carefully as to not disturb any molding you've done of the gun in the holster ..
- 6- suspend on a pant hanger or stiff wire and let dry for 24 hours, (I use one prong pant hangers that you just lay your pants over, this makes it very easy to do, and doesn't cut into the leather, DO NOT USE CLAMP TYPE HANGERS!)
- 7- After thoroughly dry, look your holster over and smooth any edges using Gum Tragacanth, and and rub / burnish smooth with a deer tine or smoothing stick, (plexy-glass 1/2" thick piece cut 2"x4" and rounded on all edges, you have to have the power tools to do this, saw and sander), when smoothed, I like the deer tine for this, apply a coat of Tan-Kote to the edges to seal them, or you can use Bees Wax and burnish ,
- 8-, apply one light coat of Lex-Oil Conditioner, to the body of the holster and let dry, usually a few hours will do.
- 9- apply two light coats of Neats-Foot Oil, dry between coats and few hours will do,, (leave in sun if you can)
- 10- let dry 24 hours
- 11- if you want a smoother shinier finish , you can use Bag-Kote or for a glossier finish use Tan-Kote, a couple coats, let dry between coats an hour will do, I like Bag-Kote and I dilute with distilled water to get a more satin finish..
- 12 - I wait a day for everything to set in, and then give my leather a couple coats of Skidmores Leather Cream, letting dry 24 hours between coats...