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Using Gilt Cream over Ebonising Lacquer. (1)

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1 Ebonising Lacquer is a heavily pigmented black lacquer designed to emulate the classic look of ebony. It works well as a finish on its own or as a base for other decorative effects, including Liming Wax, Iridescent Paints and, in Part 2, Gilt Cream.

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2 When planning to apply Gilt Cream or Liming Wax into the grain of an item a better result is achieved if the grain is opened first using a Liming Brush. Ash and Oak are among the best timbers to use.

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3 To avoid ending up with a black lathe it's usually best to cover it over to protect it from overspray, or remove the item from the lathe completely and spray in a clean, dry area.

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4 Apply the Ebonising Lacquer in thin, even coats until the whole area is covered. Be careful to avoid runs and 'sags' in the finish, caused by applying too much at once.

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5 Allow twenty minutes for the lacquer to dry, it can then be burnished using Burnishing Cream for a gloss finish. Use a small amount of Burnishing Cream and let the lathe do the work for you.

To be continued...

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