



How to make minor furniture repairs with pine

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Making minor repairs on rustic furniture is very simple and fast. The following are step by step instructions for making repairs from minor cracks to cracks and gouges up to 3/8" thickness. These instructions are also based on the assumption that the surface sealer is wax based. A "wax" surface coating allows for isolated repairs which do not require the entire area be stripped or sanded. Wax coating is the primary coating used in most "rustic" furniture applications.

You will need the following basic tools and supplies:

- Sandpaper – 80 to 220 grit based on the severity of the repair. The higher the grit # the finer the sandpaper. 80 grit would be for sanding an area that is rough. 220 grit would be "finishing" a job and final sanding prior to applying wax or polish.
- Sander – hand sanding will work but an orbital sander would be best. Again, this is based on the job required. Most small repairs with minor scratches are easily repaired with just a piece of sandpaper. Larger or rougher surfaces would be much easier with a mechanical sander.
- Wood filler/putty - paintable and sandable.
- Putty knife
- Dust mask
- Wood glue

Filling cracks and gouges up to 3/8" thickness. .

Identify the area to be repaired and remove any loose debris





Apply wood filler with putty knife forcing putty into crack. Remove excess putty that rises above fill line. It is best to fill the crack completely, right up to the surface. Let dry for 15-30 minutes. (most cases, follow instructions from manuf.)



excess putty has been removed. You can see putty residue which will be removed when sanding.





Once completely dried, use 150 grit sandpaper to remove excess, dried putty. Once sanded, you should not be able to feel where the crack meets the surface.

Although it is not always necessary, you can then apply the 220 grit sandpaper as an extra touch for a smoother surface.





Note - All putty residues must be removed or you will see it when the wax/polish is applied. The lighter color is not residue; it is the natural wood color after the wax has been removed with sanding.

Apply wax or other surface coating and “feather in” to match color.

Repair completed.

