Finishing & Polishing crip sheet.

Sanding:

Sand paper grits: 80, 100, 120, 180, 240, 320, 400, 600.

Wire wool – 0000 grade

The more open the grain the lower the grit. Closed grain use 240 upwards.

Sand at speeds of 600 – 800 rpm

Wood shavings – A handful of fresh shavings can be used to burnish wood.

Polishes & Sealants:

Sanding sealer – Acrylic (Water based) – Tends to go off with age

Sanding sealer – Cellulose (Chemical based) Can be thinned with Cellulose thinners 70 / 30 mix. Makes it go further and last longer.

Friction Polish – Shellac based product works best at high speeds – generate heat for best effect.

Wax polishes – Beeswax for good finish but don't handle it. (Food safe)

Canuba wax – Good finish for items that are handled. (Food safe)

Chestnut Woodwax – (Food safe) Beeswax mix

Microcrystalline wax – Hard wax, water repellent – Not food safe.

Liberon – Black bison wax – Best wax polish ever made. (Food safe)

Chestnut French polish – Old fashioned shellac polish for furniture

Liming wax – Burns wood and gives it a sea washed lime effect – Be careful as it has real Lime in it. Definitely not food safe.

Chestnut wipe-on Poly varnish – Clear Satin or Gloss varnish.

Colours & Stains: Not food safe in general.

Spirit stains – Good for colouring wood. Good with air brushing.

Paint sprays – Also good if used in moderation.

Ronseal – Dyes – Good for ageing wood effects

Iridescent paints – Best used over a Black ebonised spray.

Gilt creams – Again best used over a Black ebonised spray but can be used neat depending on wood species.

Coloured waxes – Treat as a wax finish.

Sprays: - Not food safe generally (Only use in a ventilated area)

Clear Laquear – Spray finishes fast drying (Car body spray). Can be buffed with True grit / Yorkshire grit – Gloss, Satin & Matt finishes

Melamine laquear – High gloss, dries in seconds. Can be buffed with True grit / Yorkshire grit. Also available as a Liquid.

Black Eboniser spray – Does what it says on the tin. Good as a base coat for polishes and paints.

Spray paint – Depends on the finish you want.

Oils: - Nourishes & Protects wood depending on species

Danish oil – Thick oil builds to a shine with multiple coats

Finishing oils – Can be used on wood directly or as a polish.

Hardwax Oil – (Such as OSMO) Used to protect floors. Very hard wearing – Not easy to apply and very expensive.

Tung Oil – Similar to Danish oil.

Lemon Oil – Lovely lemon scent, easy to apply but needs several coats to get decent finish.

Teak Oil – For use on teak wood protective finish.

Beeswax & Turpentine. Use like a wax finish.

Linseed Oil – Use like Danish oil.

No oil apart from Vegetable oil is food safe. Do not apply oil over a sealant, wax, painted or lacquered finish. Waxes can be used on top of oils but not the other way round.

Oils require a long drying time – Usually 2 – 3 days.

Best used on dark exotic woods.