



SWEDISH LINSEED PAINT



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LINSEED OIL PUTTY

(Please also see The Little Handbook and Videos on our website)

Allbäck Linseed Oil Putty is handmade from cold-pressed raw linseed oil and chalk. The putty is used for puttying windows and for filling in cracks and holes in wood.

Instructions for Application

1. If there is a skin on the putty surface, remove it.
2. Before use, empty out all of the putty in the container and knead until it softens. The putty is easier to knead if you warm it first, e.g. in the microwave or on a radiator.
3. **Warning!** If using a microwave, please follow the warming instructions below carefully, remembering that the putty contains oil and may cause severe burns if overheated:
 - Remove putty from the container and cut/break into four pieces. Heat, two pieces at a time, for ten seconds – test carefully. You may heat the putty for a further ten seconds in five-second intervals, if necessary. Knead the putty until smooth on a cold surface. The microwave will dry the putty slightly; this can be remedied by adding a teaspoon of raw Linseed Oil¹ when kneading the product.
4. Once kneaded, the putty can stay out on the table for several days.
5. It is easiest to apply the putty at room temperature. If the putty is too sticky, knead it on a piece of cardboard to remove excess oil or add more chalk. If it is too hard, warm it up or add a tiny amount raw Linseed Oil.
6. The edges of the windowpane should be free from dirt, paint or any old putty
7. Apply Allbäck Shellac Knotting Solution to the rebates before puttying and bedding the windowpane in place. This will prevent the oil from seeping into the wood and will significantly extend the life of the putty and reduce the likelihood of it cracking.
8. Make sure the windowpane is properly stabilised and supported to avoid any movement in the rebate.
9. Apply putty with a putty knife, making sure to press it into all gaps. Run the putty knife over the putty to remove any excess.
10. Use a soft brush and ground pumice to remove any oil residue from the windowpane.

For Coloured Putty

Allbäck Linseed Putty can be dyed by adding pigments during the kneading process; this may require the addition of a little raw Linseed Oil to keep the putty workable.

¹ Cloths and rags soaked in linseed oil can spontaneously combust. Please soak in water before disposal in outside waste.

Applying Paint to Putty

Putty exposed to the elements (external) should be painted. This may be done immediately after glazing or later using Allbäck Linseed Oil Paint. Paint all of the coats about 2 cm onto the glass. Once the paint is dry, moisten the glass surface with a weak soap and water solution. Cut and straighten the edges of the painted putty with a razor glass scraper and a steel spackling blade as a guide, leaving 2 mm of paint on the windowpane. See video online.

Putty as a Filler and for Window Putty Maintenance

- Holes and cracks can be filled with putty that can be painted over right away.

- Cracked glazing putty can be temporarily filled with thinned putty as below.
 1. Mix some fresh putty with a few drops of raw Linseed Oil and use this thinned putty to seal cracked rebates, cracks and unsealed corner joints.
 2. Apply with a brush and use a cloth to wipe away any excess.
 3. Paint immediately.

Note on Suitability for Laminated Glass/ Double Glazing

If installing either laminated or double-glazed units, we do not recommend that these are bedded using linseed oil putty. This is because the oil can penetrate and break through seals and can appear between the panes.

Laminated or double glazed units can be bedded using glazing tape where the rebates have received a coat of Allbäck Shellac Knotting Solution after painting and fixed with dry beading, normally painted timber.

Please consult your glass supplier or contact us for further advice.

Storage

Putty should be regarded as a perishable product. It can be kept for up to one year in a sealed container in a cool place (10-15°C), or for long-term storage the putty can be frozen.