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Finishing the Finish with Mitch Kohanek
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This is a "hands-on" wood finishing class using the wood *that you coated with your finishes*. Our goal is to give the coating a smooth tactile feel and achieve the desired sheen.

Materials to bring with you

You will want to bring at least 6 different pieces of wood or plywood that you have coated.

DO NOT do any sanding on the final coat that you apply.

Make sure all the samples are well cured with at least one week of cure time.

For sizes, I would suggest something like 10-12 inch square pieces.

Syllabus

1. Lecture
 - a. Finishing Defects
 - b. Abrasives
 - c. Dry sanding on coatings for "leveling"
 - d. Wet sanding for polishing
2. Demonstrate
 - a. Using various abrasives on coatings
3. Hands on learning
 - a. You working on your panels

Tool List

1. Sanding blocks will be necessary so bring what you have. If you don't have a favorite sanding block I would suggest the following. They are ones I like to use.
2. Options
 - a. Cork or Felt sanding blocks work well for dry sanding on wood or on a coating.
 - b. Felt sanding blocks work well using pumice and oil especially on shellac and oil base varnishes.
 - c. Rubber blocks work well when using solvents with wet/dry sandpaper especially on lacquer when a high sheen is desired.
3. Source for sanding blocks: Mohawk Finishing Products
 - a. <https://www.mohawk-finishing.com/products/tools-accessories/sanding-blocks/>