White Wax (Liming Wax)

Did you know that you can tint furniture wax for a different look?

No doubt you know what regular furniture wax is, but you can also add colour to it to create White Wax or Liming Wax, which adds a white grained finish to timber.

White Wax applied over bare timber

White Wax applied over Paris Grey paint

Similar to a light white wash effect, it can be brushed or wiped on over the top of bare, stained or painted wood furniture for added effect.

Liming works best on open grained wood such as oak, pine or ash but it also looks great on ornately carved furniture where the white wax will settle in the crevices and give a soft worn look.

Traditionally this look was achieved with lime which is caustic. Using a white wax will give you a similar look but it is safe to use even with bare hands and will also protect your furniture at the same time and make it smooth to touch.

White Wax doesn't have a long shelf life, but it's easy to make your own as needed using some of the quality Auctioneer's Promise products, and your favourite acrylic paint.

HOW TO
Quantities depend on size of furniture of course but you can make more as you go along.

Add about 3 tablespoons of Auctioneer's Promise Chalk paint Additive to the same amount of water and mix well, then tip that into about 1/4 cup of your favourite white acrylic paint (basically anything you have laying around). This makes chalk paint.

Add one tablespoon of chalk paint to three tablespoons of Auctioneer's Promise Traditional Furniture Wax SOFT recipe and mix well.

Brush or wipe over your piece of furniture then wipe, reapply, wipe again then leave to dry before buffing back.

Many people do not apply enough wax. As a rule of thumb, if your furniture is not smooth to touch after applying wax, you need another coat. Apply at least two thin coats. This build up of layers will give your furniture extra durability. You may like the chalky texture of chalk painted furniture, but it will mean your furniture is more prone to marking and chipping.