

Woodworkers Sandpaper Grit Selection Chart

THE RIGHT GRIT—FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE—IN THE RIGHT SEQUENCE

S E Q U E N T I A L S T E P	REPAIR	Leveling, Gouges Major Paint Removal	80 Grit or Lower
		Deep Scratches Minor Paint Removal	100 Grit
	PREPARE	Start Sanding Here If NO Repair	120 Grit
		Stop for Stain, Poly, Shellac, Lacquer, Epoxy, Paint	180 Grit
	FINISH	After Final Stain	220 Grit
		Between Ploy Coats	
		For Oils After Or Without Stain	320 –400 Grit
		Between 1st & 2nd Coat of Oil	
O P T I O N A L	LOWER SHEEN	Stepping Down Sheen On A Hardened Gloss Finish	400-600 Grit Followed by 0000 Steel Wool w/ soapy water
	POLISH	Restore Old Furniture Finish or Stepping Up a Dulled Gloss Finish	Wet sand soapy water 2000-4000 Grit