

# INFORMATION SHEET

## **ERICH CARTER'S STAINING REPRO ANTLERS WHITETAIL FORMULA**

### **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

1 pint	Minnwax Ebony Stain & Sealer
2-3 oz. (approx)	Potassium Permanganate
6-8 oz.	Rubbing Alcohol
2	3/4" Paint Brushes
1 can	Krylon Spray, Matte finish
2-4	5 oz. Paper Cups
1 pint	Lacquer Thinner
	#000 steel wool

### **DIRECTIONS:**

Wipe the repro antlers down with lacquer thinner. Next, you can fill any small voids or air bubbles with epoxy putty, or wait until the antlers are stained and then use Minnwax Furniture Filler Sticks (these work great!).

Using the Minnwax Ebony (black) Stain & Sealer, paint on one side of the antlers only, then wipe off quickly. This will turn the antlers a bone grey. Repeat this on the other side.

Next, mix one teaspoon of potassium permanganate to 3-4 oz. of rubbing alcohol. Stir this and then paint only one side of the antler. Mix a new batch and repeat on the other side. It will appear purple at first, then turn to a brown color.

After all the purple turns brown, using the steel wool, gently rub the antlers to highlight the areas of the antlers that you want lighter. After you are satisfied with the results, spray the rack with the Krylon Matt Finish. This will bring out the color in the antlers and seal the Potassium.

### **ADDITIONAL TIPS:**

1. If you want a darker color, repeat the potassium process after the first coat evaporates.
2. For a realistic touch, after the staining and matte finish are applied, spray the bases with spray adhesive and then rub in ground up cedar shavings mixed with dry potting soil. Then brush off excess material. This adds a great touch to the antlers!

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