# HOW TO EBONIZE WALNUT

When you need black wood for a project, here's an easy way to make it. Put a course steelwool pad in a plastic jar, 12 oz. size is good. Add enough ordinary vinegar to cover the steelwool and loosely cap. Set it aside for a day or two. Strain the vinegar through cloth.

When you need black wood, cut the project part out of walnut. After fitting and contouring it, brush on the vinegar solution. The wood will turn black, resembling ebony. When it dries, glue your project together and apply finish.

***NOTE***: The walnut must be sanded, as the solution doesn't work well on planed wood. Also, it doesn't turn sapwood as black as heartwood.

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