

The application of **SUEDE-TEX** is a simple process used in junior high school woodshops. Its simplicity is one of the beauties of the finish. Remember, don't skimp on the adhesive, don't skimp on the fibers, and resist the temptation to touch the surface before the finish has dried. **DONJER SUEDE-TEX** finish allows you to create a professional looking suede-like lining with no previous experience. If you are concerned—find a junior high school student to help you.

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**AIR-ASSISTED SPRAY GUN***

*(10 to 15 psi).*

*It's economical; it's simple to use;  
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## SUGGESTED USES

**SAVE MONEY** – Use inexpensive pieces of wood and cover them with **SUEDE-TEX**.

**TOYS** – **SUEDE-TEX** is non-toxic once it has dried. Coat the outside of a bear puzzle or the mane of a horse.

**GUN CASES** – Butt rest; barrel rest.

**TOOL CHEST OR MACHINIST BOXES** –  
Protect your tools.

**CUTLERY DRAWERS** – Protect silverware.  
**SUEDE-TEX** will not affect silverware:

**BOTTOMS OF BOWLS OR LAMPS** –  
Protect the tabletop surface.

**DEER ANTLER MOUNTING/GOOSE  
DECOYS**

**PICTURE FRAME MATTING**

**SHOWCASES AND DISPLAYS**

# DONJER



## How To Apply Donjer SUEDE-TEX



**DONJER SUEDE-TEX** spray-on suede fibers create a soft velvet-like finish in just minutes. This instruction booklet will explain the basic steps for the application of **SUEDE-TEX** using **DONJER'S MINI FLOCKER** applicator. This applicator is designed to provide an economical alternative for those working on a limited number of small to medium sized projects.

*(Ask about **DONJER PRODUCTS'** new air-assisted spray gun for larger projects.)*

The application of the **SUEDE-TEX** spray-on suede finish is the final step in the completion of a project. All sanding and application of finishes should be completed. (Fine sanding is not necessary although the surface should be relatively smooth.) If the project includes a hinged top, the top should be attached after the **SUEDE-TEX** is applied.

# 1

First step:

## SEAL THE SURFACE TO BE COATED

The purpose of sealing is to prevent the absorption of the undercoat adhesive. If the adhesive is absorbed the fibers will have nothing to adhere to and the finish will have thin spots. Even surfaces that appear solid can be porous (e.g. Masonite) and will absorb the adhesive. Sealing may be done with lacquer, shellac, sanding sealer, polyurethane, etc.—anything that will prevent the surface from soaking up the adhesive. If the sealer leaves a very slick finish rough it up slightly with sandpaper. (Metal and glass do not require sealing, but may need a sanding to rough up the surface.)

# 2

Second Step:

## APPLICATION PREPARATION

Line the inside of a cardboard box with a large plastic bag to be used as a spraying area.

Fill the **MINI FLOCKER** with **SUEDE-TEX** fiber. Slide the two cardboard tubes apart; fill the unmarked tube without the holes approx. 1/2 full. This will allow space for the air to circulate the fibers within the **MINI FLOCKER**. Gently slide the other tube (with the holes) over the one filled with fiber. Set aside for later use.

# 3

Third Step:

## BRUSH ON THE UNDERCOAT ADHESIVE

It is not necessary to mask areas of your project that will not be coated if the surface is sealed and **IF YOU BRUSH CAREFULLY**. This means using the flat side of the brush, with a drawing motion toward the edge of the project. If you should get a small amount of adhesive on the edge simply wipe it off. This should be done before the fibers are applied. (Some people prefer masking to guarantee clean lines.)

Apply a wet coat of adhesive—that is, enough for the fibers to dig into when applied. This coat of adhesive should be smooth and not dripping wet. The undercoat adhesive remains open to the fibers for 10 to 15 minutes—this is your working time. If you are working on a larger object use a larger brush or apply the adhesive with a paint roller. The adhesive can also be sprayed, but it may need to be thinned slightly using mineral spirits.

**CAUTION:** *If you are working on one continuous piece DO NOT work in sections as the lines between the sections will show. If you are working on a project that has many small sections (compartments), requiring a more detailed application, finish a few at a time. If you cover the uncoated section(s) with a piece of cardboard and then move the cardboard as needed you will not have to wait for each compartment to dry before applying the fibers to the next section(s).*

# 4

Fourth Step:

## SPRAY ON THE SUEDE-TEX FIBERS

To apply the fibers place the adhesive coated project in the lined cardboard box. With the **MINI FLOCKER** filled approx. 1/2 full, pump the unmarked cardboard tube continuously using a twisting motion. The twisting will help move the fibers inside the applicator while the pumping will blow them out. Hold the **MINI FLOCKER** 8" to 10" from your project on an angle of 45 to 90 degrees to apply the fibers. Apply more fibers than you think you need and then some more. You cannot overcoat—only so much will stick. Excess fibers may be reclaimed and reused.

**Hint:** *When coating boxes, after the adhesive has been applied, first spray the fibers on the bottom, and then spray the sides.*

**Hint:** *To ensure the fibers continue to hit the project on the same angle, hold the **MINI FLOCKER** at the same angle to the piece you are coating (as much as possible) and raise and lower the applicator. Do not tilt it when possible.*

# 5

Fifth step:

## DRYING

Once you have applied sufficient fibers set aside your project to dry for approximately 10 to 15 hours before you remove excess fibers. If you need to reclaim some of the fibers before this drying process is completed you may turn the project upside down to allow the excess to fall off. Do not tap or shake the project at this time as this may dislodge fibers that are sitting in wet adhesive. It is possible to speed up the initial drying time with a heat lamp. It will now take approx. 7 hours depending on your environment. **TAKE CARE TO KEEP THE HEAT LAMP AT LEAST 18" AWAY FROM THE FIBERS. DO NOT USE A HEAT LAMP WITH A BLOWER.**

**IMPORTANT**—*While the adhesive is dried at this point (10 to 15 hours) it will take 72 hours to 1 week for it to cure completely. Some care should be taken in handling during this time.*

# 6

Sixth step:

## CLEAN UP

To remove the excess fibers from your project after it has dried shake the item over the lined cardboard box—remember these fibers are still usable. Using a dry, clean, soft brush wipe out the excess fibers. Compressed air may be used, but take care during the initial 48 hours. Vacuuming may be used after the project has cured completely.

To remove the excess fibers from the **MINI FLOCKER** separate the two cardboard tubes and empty the fibers into the original plastic bag. A gentle tap will remove the rest of the fibers. If there is a tiny amount of fiber left inside the applicator, it will blend into the next color used and not be noticed (with the exception of white).