

Finishing a P. Graham Dunn unfinished plaque is very easy, just four simple steps. These steps will probably only take ten to twenty minutes of time, depending on the size of plaque. However, it could be over two days depending on drying time of stain, sealer and top coat. Feel free to contact us at 866-922-0306 with any questions.

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**Step 1** It is important to get the edges nice and smooth so the stain looks good and uniform. Use 180 grit sandpaper or a medium sanding sponge (sponge sanding may be necessary on curved or sculpted edges) on the edges. Sand the face of the plaque with 220 grit sandpaper.

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**Step 2** Clean off the sanding dust thoroughly and apply a clear transparent stain thoroughly. Make sure it gets into all the carved areas and allow it to soak in. Using a brush apply liberally so the stain actually "puddles" in the carved areas. Wipe off with a rag. An old tee shirt rag is best. Let it dry

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**Step 3** Apply a sealer coat. There are sanding sealers for this purpose but a thin coat of varnish will do the job. Allow to dry

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**Step 4** We recommend you finish with a low sheen, velvet or eggshell varnish. It will give your finished product a much richer look. Use a pure bristle brush for best results. If after it is thoroughly dry the sheen does not look totally uniform or appears to be "flashing" sand again with 220 grit (for inter coat adhesion) and apply a second coat of varnish. A second coat will give it a thoroughly finished appearance.