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Beeswax and some of the other ingredients used to make beeswax polish are highly inflammable. Do not use them anywhere near an open flame or put the container they are in directly onto heat, such as a stove. Do not smoke while you are making polish. If you are unfortunate enough to have a wax fire, use sand, earth, a large wet cloth or blanket, or a fire extinguisher. Do not use water.

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## Making Beeswax Polish

To make your polish use a water bath. You need one or two small containers to hold the wax and other ingredients, and a large container partly filled with water. The small containers go in the larger one, and it goes on the heat source. Your mixture is then heated by water, and cannot get dangerously hot. Tins or basins standing in water in your electric fry-pan work very well.

Furniture polish is basically just a mixture of beeswax and a suitable solvent, such as pure turpentine, mineral turps, or white spirit.

### Basic recipe      100 gms beeswax                                  250 mls solvent

Put the beeswax in one small container, and the solvent in another and stand them both in water in a fry-pan or larger container. You want the beeswax to melt, and the solvent to warm up to the same temperature. Pour the solvent into the beeswax, and mix thoroughly. To get a stiffer paste polish use more beeswax. To get a thinner cream polish use more solvent.

There are endless variations.

### Liquid Cream Furniture Polish, with a pleasant aroma

100 gms beeswax	50 gms pure soap flakes
250 mls solvent	150 mls water
50 mls pine oil	

Dissolve the soap in the warm water and mix well. Mix beeswax and solvent as for the basic recipe and allow to cool. Mix all ingredients as they are now cooled. If they are hard to mix, warm the mixture a little.

### Solid Beeswax Furniture Polish

Equal parts of beeswax, turpentine and linseed oil.

Heat the beeswax and add warm turpentine and linseed oil. Mix thoroughly. If this polish is not solid enough, add more beeswax and/or less turpentine and linseed oil.

These ideas will get you started. Just mix and match till you get what suits you best.

If your beeswax is not as clean as you would like, melt it in the water bath, and strain through fine material.

