

SANDING & FINISHING

Proposals for refinishing provided while flooring is under carpet are good faith estimates subject to review.

Scheduling: (based on work of approximately 500 sq. ft.)

- ❑ **SANDING & FINISHING** normally takes about two days, however, difficult jobs may require more time. Finishing where stain is applied will require one or two extra days.
- ❑ **SCHEDULING** of the work should be arranged at least three to five weeks in advance of the needed date. More notice may be needed in summer months. If there is a change in your schedule, we will schedule your job on the next available open date.
- ❑ **ARRIVAL TIME** is not something that we can be specific about, therefore, we ask that you hide a key or bring one by the office. We can provide a lock box to be used for this purpose. You may call the office around 8:15 a.m. on the day your work is scheduled for more information regarding approximate arrival time.
- ❑ **AN ADEQUATE WORKSPACE** needs to be provided for us during sanding and finishing. We need no competition with other trades during this process. We will have to pull off your job, if we feel that there are conflicts caused by other work being provided in your home, concurrent with our service.
- ❑ **WE MUST HAVE CONTROL OF THE JOB** when we are applying our finishes. Everyone must please stay off the floors after they have been swept and are prepared for finishing, and also after applying finishes. ***When the coating has begun doors and windows must be left closed and fans turned off, as there can be no draft across the floor until the finish has set up.***
- ❑ **NEW CARPETING** should be installed ***after*** application of all finish coats.
- ❑ **PAINTING** of base or shoe **MOLDINGS** should be installed ***after*** sanding and finishing.
- ❑ **PAINTING OF WALLS** or **DRYWALL WORK** should be done ***before*** the floors are sanded and finished. You may have some touch-up work on the drywall or painting after we are finished.
- ❑ **BASE MOLDINGS** may need touch-up paint after finishing.
- ❑ **LAST MINUTE CHANGES** in the footage, stain or finish may mean that we need to reschedule your job. Please give us advance notice of such changes.

Preparation:

- ❑ **REMOVAL** of appliances, furniture, pianos, etc., is not included in our proposals.
- ❑ **TARPING AND/OR MASKING** should be provided by the homeowner, general contractor, or you can call our associates: ***Bite The Dust; they do tarping and cleaning (303) 657-4787.*** After screening is completed we will remove the tarping around the floor to be finished. This is to prevent dust and/or the tarp from falling into the wet finish. ***Please, do not mask base moldings, as our finishes may cause the tape to adhere to molding.***
- ❑ **A FINE DUST** is created when sanding. Our sanding equipment comes equipped with a vacuum that will pick up the heavy volumes of dust, but it does not get all of the dust that has become airborne. The home will still require a general cleaning. Computers, smoke detectors, stereo equipment, TV's or any other electronic equipment should be protected. Meyer Skidmore & Co. is not responsible for the cleaning of your home after the work is completed. Your home will require a general cleaning.
- ❑ **BREAKABLE ITEMS** such as light fixtures that hang from ceilings or walls, pictures, etc., should be removed from the workspace. Meyer Skidmore & Co. is not responsible for items broken that have not been removed from the work area.
- ❑ **REFRIGERATORS** may occasionally be turned to a low setting by our staff to prevent uneven drying beneath the front of the appliance.
- ❑ **PICKING A STAIN** is best done at your home during the sanding process. You are welcome to come to our showroom to get a general idea of stain color. The color you choose may look different in your home and may even look different from room to room, depending on the room's lighting and wall color. The customer ***must*** be on site to pick a stain color. Once you have chosen your stain, any changes that require re-staining or re-sanding will result in an extra charge. ***Natural*** is the standard practice terminology in our industry for applying finishes with ***NO*** stain. Meyer Skidmore & Co. proposals that specify "in natural" or similar language also means finishing without first staining the wood flooring.

General Service Information:

- ❑ **ALL TRASH** will be bagged by us and left at the curb after the job's completion.
- ❑ **GLITSA** is an alcohol base finish, and the odor during the initial drying is significant. Carbon monoxide and smoke detectors should be removed from the work area. Chemicals gassing off from our finishes may cause these detectors to sound alert and/or malfunction. Your home security provider, that monitors your smoke detectors, should be notified of our service schedule. False alarms can be caused by dust that is mistaken for smoke by the detector. Customers living in homes where finishes are being applied should plan to sleep elsewhere for at least two nights, as with any heavy solvent paint, or lacquer product. This depends greatly on the amount of finish to be applied, and the layout of the home. When **WATERBASED FINISHES** are being applied, and are drying, you should not plan to remain in the home. They do dry and clear out quickly however sleeping elsewhere is usually not required.
- ❑ **ADEQUATE 110 AND 220** volt electricity needs to be available within about 100 feet of the work area. Your breaker box must be in good repair to avoid damage to our equipment and people.
- ❑ **ALL TENANTS** of a multi-occupant building must be notified of our efforts by the person contracting our services. Upon request, we will provide Material Safety Data Sheets for the products being provided. Meyer Skidmore & Co. is not responsible for the notifying other tenants.
- ❑ **PILOT LIGHTS** on furnaces, hot water heaters, cook stoves etc. should be shut off prior to application of Glitsa Finishes due to its flammability. Our finishes however, also require at least 55°F room temperature to properly cure. Our field technicians will review these requirements with the customer during the sanding process. When pilot lights are located in the basement or separate floor from the work area it may not be necessary to extinguish them. The **customer is responsible** for extinguishing and re-lighting of all pilots. If it is necessary, Meyer Skidmore & Co. will extinguish the pilot lights if the customer has not, but we will not re-light your pilots.
- ❑ **OPEN CONTAINERS OF FOOD**, fruits, vegetables, etc., should be removed from the work area as they could be damaged or take on odors.
- ❑ **HOUSE PLANTS** should be removed from the area as they could be damaged.
- ❑ **ALL PETS** should be removed from the home and boarded while our services are being provided. Meyer Skidmore & Co. cannot be responsible for keeping your pets out of the house, and off of the finish. Fish tanks are at great risk due to the dust and vapors.
- ❑ **LIGHTS** are frequently left on after performing our services. Additional light provides us with a better view of the floors while finishing. We turn off lights whenever possible.
- ❑ **REINSTALLATION** of new or used moldings, along with other carpentry needs to complete this project are not included in our proposal. The customer is responsible for re-hanging doors if it is necessary to remove them during the finishing process.
- ❑ **RADIATOR COVERS** may need to be removed in order for us to provide our services. The customer is responsible for reinstalling these.
- ❑ **ELECTRICAL OUTLET PLATES**, which are in a wood floor, also need to be removed and the customer is responsible for reinstalling these.
- ❑ **THE FIRST COAT** of our finish may be rough after drying. We will do some filling and polishing between coats; do not be concerned about the appearance of your floor during the finishing process.
- ❑ **OLD SOFTWOOD** floors (pine or fir) are typically not filled between the boards.
- ❑ **COMMON SENSE:** We have compiled this information from our years of experience but we can't think of everything. You know your own situation better than we do, so please help us protect your home and valuables. If you have any questions please call and ask at (303) 444-1174.