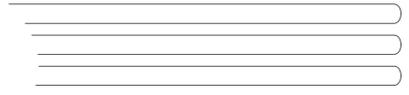


Bratu's Hardwood Interiors



Many make the beginner's mistake of cleaning their floor with agents that are too harsh, which can mar or damage a floor's finish. The result can be a nightmare. Use of harsh chemicals and abrasives can scuff, scratch or even remove your floor's finish.

Through the daily traffic in your house, you may notice that your flooring surfaces may begin to dull slightly. This is most likely as a result of residual dirt tracked into the house by your family or your pets. A good procedure to clean your floors in an efficient and proper manner is to initially **sweep the area with a soft bristle broom**. It is important to **examine the broom's bristles before starting**, as some brooms are not appropriate for some surface areas and can also scratch or mar the finish. It is best to **try the broom on a small area of the floor first to insure that it's not damaging the floor in any way**.

Next **I recommend a Swiffer mop or a Bona Kemi mop with the Swiffer pad**, making sure that they are designed specifically for hardwood floors.

If a deeper clean is desired you can use a damp mop using soap and water or even a floor cleaning agent such as **Bona Kemi Swedish Formula Hardwood Floor Cleaner, Pledge hardwood floor cleaner, or Orange Glo floor cleaner**. Typically, if something is designed for hardwood flooring it is safe to use, as long as it's not a petroleum-based product.

NEVER Steam Clean.

For nicks and light scratches use a **Minwax Fast Drying Polyurethane Satin finish**. You can get this at Wal-Mart or most hardware and building supply stores. If available, a 12-oz. aerosol can is preferred. Simply spray the product on the affected area and rub in with a cotton or paper towel. (**DO NOT sand effected area as matching the sheen of the original floor is very difficult.**) This process will not remove the scratch but protect it again with finish and take the blemish out of your line of sight.



For any other questions or assistance please feel free to call us at: (906) 932-1990.

Have something you think worked great? Please do share it with us; we are always looking for new ideas and processes.

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