

T.A.S.C.O/Rittel's

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Instructions for using T.A.S.C.O/Rittel's Super-Soft Oil

Super-Soft Oil is our best blend for finishing skins. It imparts great softness and is used pure.

Super-Soft oil is best applied after tanning, rinsing and draining your skins or capes. After removing the skins from the tanning solution, allow them to drain for 1-2 hours or overnight. Then centrifuge or tumble them in sawdust for 5-10 minutes maximum. If you do not have a centrifuge or drum and cage, squeeze them damp dry by hand and apply the warm oil. Any moisture left in the flesh will be replaced by the oil.

The swabbing method is recommended for furs, hair on and wool skins. To prepare your mixture, slowly heat the oil until it is warm. **DO NOT BOIL THE OIL!!!** Boiling "cracks" the chemical bonds of the oil. Apply the mixture while it's still warm. The skins should also be at room temperature, this will aid in penetration. Use a paint brush as an applicator. Cover all of the flesh, being careful on the edges and around holes and cuts.

After oiling, fold the skins flesh to flesh and set them aside for 3-4 hours. This will allow the bulk of the oil to penetrate the skins. Usually a warm area aids this "sweating" in of the oil. After sweating, unfold the skins and hang them to dry completely. One coating of oil is usually sufficient for softness, however, when working with thickly fleshed skins, several coatings may be necessary. Allow each coating to "sweat" into the flesh before applying another. Upon drying, wipe away any pooling or excess with a damp sponge or cloth.

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