

Buffing

1. Begin the buffing process with the all-linen Tripoli wheel and the red Tripoli compound. Apply a generous amount of compound to the spinning wheel; then begin buffing your workpiece, holding it slightly below the center of the wheel so the wheel cannot "grab" the piece. Several applications of the compound may be required if your work has a large surface area. (When the wheel is new, heavier applications of the compounds may be necessary than later, when the wheel is loaded.)
2. The next step requires the softer, linen-cotton blend White Diamond buff* and the harder, drier White Diamond compound. Apply a small amount of the White Diamond compound to the wheel and buff the workpiece lightly. This will remove the residue left from the Tripoli and do the final polishing.
3. For the final step use the all-flannel wax wheel. The wax included with the kit is pure carnauba, one of the hardest waxes known. Once the wheel has been charged with the yellow carnauba wax a few times, only very small additional applications will be needed: hold the wax to the spinning wheel for no more than a second! Buffing the workpiece very lightly on the wax wheel will quickly produce a beautiful protective sheen.

**Note — Each of the buffs provided has a different composition: the Tripoli wheel is a somewhat stiff all-linen fabric, the White Diamond wheel has linen plies interspersed with softer cotton ones and the wax wheel is very soft all cotton flannel fabric. For best results, match each buff with its intended compound.*

Maintaining the Wheels

1. If Tripoli compound becomes too built-up on the all-linen wheel, you may need to clean it. In order to do this, simply back a piece of coarse grit sandpaper with a piece of scrap wood (as you did when breaking the buff in) and hold it up against the spinning wheel until the build-up is removed. This process should not be repeated too often.
2. The White Diamond and wax wheels never require cleaning or washing. Once they are loaded, do not apply fresh compound or wax until needed.

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