

BEEPLENISH TRIAL FOR THE NEW ZEALAND HONEY SHOP

Beeplenish Finishers Formula is a wax finish new to the UK and to woodturners. It can be used for antiques, restoration and woodturnings, and contains Manuka honey.

How did we hear of it? Through the power of the internet. The New Zealand Honey Shop who import the wax, are based in Wandsworth. They Googled "local woodturning club" and got Cheam Woodturners amongst their search results. A quick review of our new site showed that we seem to know what we are doing and the shop contacted us. (Moral of the story: keep the website up to date and with good photos in the Gallery section).

Cheam were asked if we would trial some pots of the wax and report back on our findings, to which we agreed. A small (15g) pot was distributed to 5 willing volunteers (thanks, guys!) with instructions to make a piece and finish it with the Beeplenish wax. We needed a short questionnaire to be completed to let us know how the wax performed.

Beeplenish is about £17 for a 200g tin so it should have something extra to offer being at a premium to normal wax. Beeplenish is anti-bacterial, a food grade finish, contains beeswax and a higher content of Carnuba wax (for a multitude of uses). shine) plus of course, Manuka honey. The wax is therefore suitable for a

The pieces made by the 5 volunteers were then shown to the audience and several volunteers commented on their use of the wax. There was a lot of interest in the pieces during the tea break and hopefully members will use this wax in future. The one common comment made was that the finish started off well but went dull after a couple of days despite a higher level of carnuba wax in the mix.

Our thanks to Simon Kingston at The New Zealand Honey Shop for involving us in this trial.

For more details and to order the wax contact Simon via <http://www.newzealandhoneyshop.co.uk/>

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Questionnaire:

Name: Five members of Cheam Woodturners

Type of items (eg bowl, platter etc) Sushi Bowl (on stand)/Various Bowls/Pens/Bud Vase and spindles

Suggested uses (food, decorative, other) Decorative/Food/Gift



Woods: Beech / unknown hardwood perhaps Iroco/Walnut/Yew/Ash

How would you finish this item normally? End seal/Carnauba wax/wood wax 22/Melamine/Danish Oil/Finishing Oil

Please rate the ease of use of Beeplenish: Very easy/Straight-forward/Hard to apply when cold.

Please rate the quality of finish of Beeplenish Good finish but dulls to slight sheen after a while. Possibly not ideally suited to UK conditions?

Have you discovered a tip you would suggest to other users of the Beeplenish Finisher's Formula?

Once applied make initial polish but allow to be absorbed slightly and polish again at a later date/Do not press too hard as lines may form which are difficult to remove

Any other comments you may care to make

Smell when initially opening and using is fantastic, worth using just for that ! Would like to test across a number of woods soft - hard to explore best uses. Application is very easy and is more like a traditional beeswax furniture polish. Very little heat required unlike some harder waxes/Pleasant to use/Would prefer to use other products which give a better finish.

