

PADDLE PREPARATION

1. Hand sand only the blade side WITHOUT the LVI Logo, with a fine or medium grit sand paper. KEEP THE BAG
2. Sand off the varnish ONLY - NOT the fiberglass.
The painting will not stick on any part that still has shiny varnish! It is okay if you see small dots of varnish recessed in spaces of the fiberglass when you are done.

TO VARNISH:

1. The entire paddle will be varnished! Lightly sand the ENTIRE paddle (except the painting) with fine steel wool. Use a damp rag to remove residue.
2. Hang paddle as instructed by your guide or Fred (sample can be found at Base Camp)
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4. Use only “Wood-Coat” brand High Gloss Polyurethane Varnish
Available at “The Paint Store” on 3rd St. N.
Consider sharing a can between other crews.
4. Apply ONLY 2 Complete but THIN coats ... no more! (too much varnish will yellow your painting) and make it more likely to flake or chip) Coats should be applied slowly and very thin. VARNISH THE ENTIRE PADDLE.
5. Allow at least 24 hours between coats.
6. Slide the hanging cord up (or down) then use fine steel wool to dull the finish of the varnish before applying the second coat. Your guide will show how to do this.
7. We **STRONGLY discourage inexperienced people from varnishing the paddles**. These are very important to the participants so a quality finish is needed. Varnishing is more difficult than regular painting. It is best if one person varnishes all paddles – your guide will help coordinate this.