

Danish Oil Treatment Guide

For the record, I regard Blackfriars Danish Oil as best suited. The guide below is written for it. It is much thicker than other danish oil brands which may take many more coats before the oil sits on top of the wood and seals it. Apply at least 4 coats in total.

1. Store the carving somewhere cool and dry, air flow will help things along. Avoid direct sunlight and heat sources unless otherwise instructed.
2. Check the carving as advised. If small cracks start to appear but parts of the carving are still sticky then apply oil only to the cracks. Once the entire carving(apart from the underside) feels dry to the touch or small cracks start to appear then apply the first coat of Danish oil. Work the oil into absolutely every part of the carving with a brush. Don't forget the underside of the base and pay special attention to cracks.
3. When the first coat has dried apply the next. Drying time depends on the environment and moisture content of the wood. As a rule, once the first coat is on the following coats fly on. If it feels tacky then it's not dry.
4. Repeat!