

Extension Notes

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Wood floors that are in constant use will develop small scratches over a period of time, but no need to fret.

Minor scratches and black rubber marks can be removed by scrubbing the area with a paste wax that's been applied with 000 steel wool, observes Charlotte Womble, extension housing specialist, North Carolina State University.

Apply a heavy coat of wax and scrub with steel wool until scratch and black marks disappear. Then buff with a clean cloth.

Stain deep scratches with wax crayon, furniture stick or matching stain, Miss Womble suggests. Apply the stain to the scratched area and allow to dry.

Then using an art brush, apply a transparent finish over the repaired area. When thoroughly dry, buff with steel wool and wax.

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