

Unfinished Poplar Mahjong Rack Care Guide

First, thank you for supporting my small business.

Every rack and pusher that leaves my shop is handcrafted by me, one piece at a time. Before your set was packaged, it was carefully sanded to 220 grit and inspected to ensure it was as smooth as possible. My goal is always to send out a product that I would be proud to use in my own home.

That said, wood is a natural material and sometimes likes to remind us of that.

Because these racks are intentionally left unfinished so you can paint and customize them to perfectly match your Mahjong tiles, the wood remains exposed to changes in temperature and humidity during shipping and storage. As a result, some pieces may arrive with a slightly fuzzy or raised grain texture, even though they were silky smooth when they left my shop. This is also why I recommend painting and sealing your racks within 1–2 weeks of their arrival whenever possible. Applying a finish helps protect the wood from humidity changes and helps preserve the appearance and feel of your customized set.

The good news is that any raised grain that may occur is completely normal and very easy to address.

Before Painting

- Use 220-grit sandpaper or finer if you have it available.
- Sand lightly with the grain. It should only take a few passes.
- Avoid heavy sanding—you are simply knocking down the raised fibers.

If you do not have sandpaper, a new green Scotch-Brite pad works well too.

1. Wash it thoroughly with dish soap.
2. Rinse it well several times to remove any manufacturing residue.
3. Allow it to dry completely.
4. Lightly rub the wood surface with the grain.

A little goes a long way. In most cases, just a minute or two of light sanding is all that is needed before you are ready to paint.

A Note About Handmade Wood Products

Unlike plastic or mass-produced products, every wooden piece is unique. Grain patterns, color variations, and the way wood reacts to environmental conditions will vary from piece to piece. That is part of what makes working with real wood special—and occasionally a little unpredictable.

As a one-man shop, I do my best to put care, attention, and pride into every product that leaves my workbench. I genuinely appreciate your support and trust in my work.

Need Help?

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply need advice on painting or finishing your racks, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Thank you again for supporting handmade craftsmanship.

— **Matt**

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Handcrafted with care, one piece at a time.