

Whiskey finishing kit

Step-by-step instructions

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What's in your kit

- **Finest Reserve Whiskey Essence**
Smooth Scotch-style character
- **American Oak Chips 1kg**
Barrel-style ageing at home
- **Glycerine**
Body, smoothness, rounded finish
- **Step-by-step instructions**
This guide

STEP 1

Start your first batch

Add your neutral spirit to a clean sealed container. Add the Finest Reserve Whiskey Essence and stir well. Then add approximately **200g of oak chips**. Seal it and store somewhere dark at room temperature.

- 1 Add your neutral spirit**
Diluted to 40% ABV
- 2 Add the essence**
Follow the dosage on the bottle
- 3 Add ~200g of oak chips**
Into the same sealed container
- 4 Seal and store**
Dark place, room temperature

STEP 2

Let it evolve

The oak and glycerine do the work from here. Oak extracts tannins and vanilla compounds — the same flavours that develop in a commercial barrel over years, just faster. Glycerine smooths the texture of the spirit, softening harsh edges and adding body. Sample as you go.



There's no hard rule on timing. Some prefer a lighter character at 4 weeks. Others go the full six. Taste it, trust yourself.

THEN IT GETS INTERESTING

You've still got ~800g of oak left

OAK CHIPS REMAINING AFTER BATCH 1

~800g

Enough for approximately 4 more 3L batches.

Use it to:

- **Age more batches with your favourite essences**
The oak reuses well — each batch picks up a slightly mellower character.
- **Experiment with different spirits**
Try it with a bourbon or rum essence. Same oak, completely different result.
- **Dial in your own flavour profile**
More chips = more tannin and bite. Fewer = softer, lighter finish. You decide.

This isn't a one-off mix. It's a setup that lets you keep crafting, refining, and improving every batch.