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REPAIRING DRAWERS

YOUR PROBLEM

- Drawers stick.
- Drawers come apart.
- Handles or knobs are loose or broken.

WHAT YOU NEED

- Screwdriver
- Sandpaper
- Candle wax or paraffin

HOW-TO

For Handles and Knobs:

1. Tighten handles or knobs with screwdriver from the inside of the drawer. (Fig. 1)
2. You can buy knobs, or use small spools to replace lost knobs.

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For Sticking Drawers:

1. Remove the drawer. Look for shiny places on top or bottom edges or on the sides. (Fig. 2)

2. Sand down these shiny areas. Try drawer to see if it moves more easily. Repeat sanding if it still sticks. (Fig. 3)

3. Rub the drawer and the frame, where they touch, with candle wax, paraffin, or soap. This makes drawers glide easier. This is important if drawers are usually filled with heavy items. (Fig. 4)

4. If glides are badly worn, the drawer may not close all the way. The drawer front strikes the frame. The drawer needs to be lifted. Remove it and insert two or three large smooth-head thumbtacks along the front of each glide. (Fig. 5)

5. Do drawers stick only in damp weather? When weather is dry, and drawers are not sticking, coat the unfinished wood with a penetrating sealer or with wax. (Fig. 6)