

# QUICK GUIDE TO PAINTING FURNITURE

*A beginner's guide to transforming furniture.*



## TOOLS:

- Orbital Sander
- Sandpaper
- Drill/Screwdriver
- Primer
- Paint
- Finish/Wax
- Paintbrushes
- Drop cloths
- Camera for before and afters
- Cleaning Products
- Paint Sprayer
- Inspiration

## FIND INSPIRATION

- Blogs
- Magazines
- TV
- Stores
- Online

## TOP PAINTING TIPS

01

I highly recommend finding real wood furniture pieces. You can paint pieces that aren't real wood but real wood pieces take paint better.

02

Paint comes in all colors and all different finishes. Make sure you research all of the options before deciding on one.

03

Always, always, always have a Plan B. So many times I will start painting a piece of furniture and something won't go the way I planned so I have to come up with an alternate plan.

04

Just start. If you have been thinking about painting a piece of furniture but are afraid of the process, don't be. You just need to take the plunge, practice and you will see just how easy it is.

# 12 STEPS TO PAINTING FURNITURE

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- 01** Pick a piece that is real wood. Paint sticks best to wood and the outcome looks better.
- 02** Take a BEFORE photo. It is so satisfying looking back on what you started with.
- 03** If there is hardware on the piece decide if you are keeping them or need to get new.
- 04** Clean. Clean. Clean! Clean the piece really well. This is a must-do step in prepping for paint.
- 05** Fill holes with wood filler, sand the piece or use a liquid sander product.
- 06** Choose the type of paint you want to work with; chalk paint, milk paint, latex, etc. Then, choose a color.
- 07** Choose your paint tool. Do you want to paint the piece by hand with a brush? Spray it? Roll it?
- 08** Start painting! Put the first coat on and let it dry completely.
- 09** After the first coat is dry, decide if it needs more coats. Make sure the piece is completely dry between each coat.
- 10** When the last coat of paint has dried, time for a top coat. You can do a matte top coat, a shinier top coat or a wax top coat. Your choice will depend on the final look you want.
- 11** Once the top coat is dry, add the hardware.
- 12** Take the glamour shot! Time to take a final photo of your project. Compare it with the before photo and give yourself a pat on the back for completing it!