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# Furniture Makeovers: Simple Techniques For Transforming Furniture With Paint, Stains, Paper, Stencils, And More



## Synopsis

Furniture Makeovers shows how to transform tired furniture into stunning showpieces. You'll never look at a hand-me-down dresser the same way again! The book offers 26 easy-to-follow techniques that can be applied to all different types of pieces, from bookshelves to desks: painting, applying gold leaf, wallpapering, distressing, dip dyeing, and more. In addition to the core techniques, author and Knack Studios founder Barb Blair shares 30 beautiful before-and-after makeovers from her studio and outlines how to achieve each look. With helpful step-by-step photographs, a visual glossary explaining all the tools and materials needed, and a lovely contemporary aesthetic, Furniture Makeovers is a treasure trove of ideas and instruction for the home decorator.

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## Customer Reviews

" SO good, SO helpful, SO inspiring and most of all, SO approachable."-Holly Becker, Decor8 "I enjoy reading decorating books but rarely bestow upon them a permanent place on my bookshelf. However, I found this book to be such an excellent resource and full of so many great tutorials that Furniture Makeovers is in my home to stay."-Tonya Lee, About.com Decorating Editor "Bursting at the seams with information and overflowing with inspiration."-Rue Magazine "A well thought-out guide to the fine art of furniture transformation."-Poppytalk "A remarkable compilation of projects."-Suzonne Sterling, Urban Comfort blog "A fabulous how-to volume for everything from sanding to decoupage and beyond!"-The City Sage blog "26 genius furniture

Barb Blair is the founder of Knack Studios. Her work has been featured on Apartment Therapy, Decor8, and Design\*Sponge, among other design websites as well as publications such as Southern Living. She lives in South Carolina.

I am impressed! An in depth (but easy read) how to book on furniture restoration. The author then provides ideas for taking your restoration to new levels of creative design. I was happy at the many levels of restoration! This is an easy to follow, must have book for the creative used furniture purchaser. Recommend!

I purchased this book to update some old furniture that was left behind at our house when we bought it. Since we moved from an apartment to a house we didn't have a lot of furniture to fill the space, so I wanted to update and modernize what we had. This book goes into detail on how to take your existing pieces and update them to amazing one of a kind items. They go over in detail how to strip, prime, stencil, paint and even replace the hardware to change the look of your furniture. I turned a hallway table into a printer desk and it only took me an entire day to sand, prime, paint and add new hardware. I love how it turned out and get so many compliments on it. Even if you're not "crafty" this book teaches you ways to transform your furniture no matter what your skill level. Don't be intimidated by DIY crafts!

I wanted to refresh the finish on a chest of drawers. This book not only gave me inspiration for designing the color and pattern of my re-creation but it also demystified the materials and the procedures necessary to complete my project successfully. Highly recommended!

I'm a pinterester and I still found this book very helpful. The author does a great job illustrating step by step instructions (with pictures) on how to DIY old pieces of furniture into new ones within a short time. Although most of this stuff can be found on Pinterest but what this book does is provide everything you need to know about furniture makeover in one central place. That way you don't have to weed through all the noise on Pinterest to get to where you need to be. I would recommend this book to people who are on a limited budget and don't mind investing time in budget shopping to find furniture pieces they can easily turnaround with the right tools.

I just started refinishing my own furniture and was looking for a how to book with ideas for different looks and techniques. This book is PERFECT. Lots of pictures, excellent explanations that are easy to follow. There is a guide on the different tools and products used and what to look for in buying furniture to refinish. For every technique she shows she gives a list at the beginning to show what materials are needed. It has everything I was looking for and it's easy to follow as well. I would recommend this to anyone starting out or thinking of renovating furniture or anyone who is looking for new ideas and techniques to use.

First of all I did not purchase this book from , got it elsewhere. I have been through enough furniture refinishing projects to testify that this is wonderful for the beginner. I wish I had this type of help when I stripped down my first piece 33 years ago. Back then I learned as I went. So if you are new and ready to get started redoing furniture, do yourself a favor you will thank yourself for over and over, and absolutely get this book. The author takes you step by step from how to select a piece of furniture that is going to be worth all the sweat you are going to pour into it to selecting proper materials and products for stripping, scraping, wiping away the old finish. He includes drying times and tells how to make necessary repairs to the furniture, how and what to use to make those repairs. Also included are tips on how to add an old look, or shabby chic, distressed look, how to make your pieces look hand painted, and much more. I love that the importance of sanding is stressed, depending on what kind of finish you want, sanding, from rough to baby smooth is a process and the author is good to stress the importance. And it is important, because you are going to have to live with the way the furniture feels when you touch it for as long as you own the piece, so listen and don't be tempted to take shortcuts, you will thank yourself for the extra work and patience you invested into the piece, every time you touch it. Finish is covered well , as it is as important as sanding. The author prefers polyurethane finish, which leaves a nice tough finish that resists spills and stains very well. Personally, I prefer lacquer in a satin finish but this is a labor of love, because to get a wonderful finish takes many coats with lots of sanding in between each coat and lacquer takes a long drying period and is nasty to breath. There are many excellent ideas and great how to , step by step, instructions here. There are also a fair amount of resources included. I bought this book for my daughter who is just starting to buy old pieces for their new home, as newlyweds this is the way to save money. Plus by buying her the book, I get out of having to help her learn the processes. Wish I would have had all this help and great ideas when I was doing this kind of stuff 30 some odd years ago.

After reading this book I totally wanted make over everything. But buying all the tools would be expensive. I guess you just do one project at a time to accumulate everything you need. But I like all the cool tips.

The book was an interesting blend of ideas and how to's. some o the things inside are only for advanced crafters, while others are for anyone. If you're looking for a good mix - this is it. If you want something more for beginners it's worth the price to get your feet wet, but you might not be able to use all the toy trials without a few trips to Home Depot.

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