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Painting And Decorating Furniture



Synopsis

"...quite probably, the best general instructions on furniture decoration that exist." - Booklist

Painting and Decorating Furniture is the definitive book on reviving old or unsightly furniture with simple craft techniques. Sheila McGraw shows how to breathe new life and color into old wood, metal or plastic laminate cabinets, desks, dressers, tables, chairs and cushions. With more than 1,000 step-by-step color photographs to guide the reader, and concise easy-to-follow instructions, the author demonstrates original treatments and techniques, including new stains and faux finishes, decorating with found materials, and inventive uses for fabric, posters and baskets. Popular treatments such as dragging, smooshing, block printing, metallic leafing, crackled varnish, faux plaster, antiquing, d'Alcoupage, and other fine art and furniture finishes enhance furniture with freehand, decorative and folk painting. The stenciling and other projects all include patterns. With expert descriptions of tools and materials, McGraw generously shares her extensive knowledge and years of experience. Projects are easy-clean-up, fast-drying and use water-based paints and environmentally friendly primers, stains, varnishes and strippers. Painting and Decorating Furniture is fully cross-referenced and indexed. The "Read This First" sections prevent mistakes, and complete Materials Lists avoid frustration. Enormously popular, this new paperback edition of Painting and Decorating Furniture will introduce more buyers to its strong formula of excellent content, beautiful production and indisputable value.

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Customer Reviews

I have been painting and decorating furniture for 50 years and this is the first book I truly, truly have found well written, clear, informative with wonderful photos and answering questions before one asks. I sincerely enjoyed, and am experimenting with Sheilas methods. (loved the little penguins and cats, nice touch)

This is, by far, the best "how to" book I have ever purchased. I was interested in some basics on how to paint/decorate a table & chairs for my Granddaughter and found this recommended book at .com. Best money I have spent in a while. Loads of interesting (but very simply stated) ideas on LOTS of projects. NOW I know how many of those items I have seen in antique stores and craft shows were created. My Granddaughter's table project is now on the right track. Thanks to this book, I have several other projects planned. Cudos to the author!!

This book is beautifully displayed with before and after photos, as well as clear, detailed step-by-step instruction. Any novice can complete the projects shown in this book. The author fully explains every tool or item you need to purchase (and gives pictures of them). The projects listed are numerous. Anyone wanting to put new life in old furniture will definitely get their money's worth out of this book.

I would NOT recommend this book if you are an advanced artist looking for new and fabulous furniture ideas. I was disappointed after receiving this book. This book does not contain anything that is "to die for", just the plain ole basics. However, if you are a beginner, this book will give you the basics for step by step furniture preparation and materials. It has good information on tools and lots of materials that are important to the beginner. If you are looking for beautiful old world style, modern or contemporary painted furniture, this book is NOT for you.!!! recommend: "Sophisticated Surfaces" by Karen Aude. It has beautiful professional ideas for walls, floors and furniture. It features professional artists and sample pictures of their painted furniture, walls and floors.

The title is deceptive as the contents is purely for the beginners and a lot of the projects are decoupageing. It would be a plus if the book includes more painting techniques. Thus, this is not a book for the experienced decorator or painter. However, this book will be a good start for beginners who wanted to try their hand at less frightening furniture decoration projects. The projects in this book are not complicated and they come with easy to follow instructions, aided by beautiful photographs.

Unusual yet realistic ideas for painting furniture. Easy to understand and very detailed. I wish she had a volume II.

This is absolutely the best book to use if you like to paint furniture. The instructions are well done and the pictures are great. It is also great if you need a book for ideas or inspiration. The minute I opened this book, I knew it was going to be a keeper. Great job Shelia McGraw!

This is a great book about decorative furniture painting. McGraw gives creative tips and techniques that I hadn't seen in other books, such as using caulking to create raised effects. She also shows you how to create your own block stamps on a roller to create consistent patterns. Although some of the projects aren't my style, many of them employ techniques that I definitely will use. I bought this book along with "Painted Furniture" by Diane Weaver because I wanted to paint some dressers that had been handed down to me and was looking for inspiration. This one is so much better than the Weaver book. I'm inspired to paint my kitchen table and chairs too. I was going to buy new kitchen chairs, but this book had an example of a painted chair that's exactly like mine. One of my chairs is wobbly and has been glued and clamped several times. This book gave me tips on how to really fix it and although I don't care for the floral motif on the example chair, I'm bursting with ideas for mine.

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