

elevating furniture with fluting

WITH JENNI YOLO

TIME: About 3 to 5 hours
(2 days with drying
time)

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 dresser (thrifted, vintage or otherwise, but inset drawers are ideal for fluting)
- 1 miter saw
- 1 80-tooth ultra fine blade (for miter saw)
- 1 tube of wood glue
- 1 pole wrap
- 1 roll of painter's tape
- 2 foam brushes
- 1 artist's brush
- 1 quart of black stain
- 1 tape measure
- 1 can of paint (if painting furniture before fluting)
- 1 carpenter's pencil
- 1 box cutter
- 1 power drill
- 1 new hardware (if swapping out)
- 1 sheet of 220-grit sandpaper
- 1 TSP cleaning agent
- 1 rag
- 1 pair of safety goggles

REMOVE HARDWARE AND CLEAN DRESSER

1. Remove old hardware from the dresser. Clean the dresser with the TSP cleaning agent and a rag.

PAINT DRESSER AND ALLOW TO DRY

2. If painting your furniture, paint and allow to dry.

TIP: *If you're using regular paint, you may want to sand your furniture piece first. If you're using chalk paint, you may not need to sand.*

MEASURE DRAWERS AND CUT POLE WRAP

3. Measure the inset on the front of the drawers, so you can cut the fluting to fit precisely. Lay out your pole wrap vertically. Depending on the size of your drawers, you may need two next to each other if your cut will span two pieces. Draw marks on pole wrap with a carpenter's pencil according to your measurements for the height of the drawer. Adhere painter's tape over your pencil marks for height of the drawer face, then measure and mark again on top of the painter's tape. The painter's tape will keep the pole wrap from splintering when you cut it with the saw.

4. Make sure your miter saw is set up appropriately. For this project, I use an 80-tooth ultra fine blade. Fold the pole wrap over itself once, so you're cutting through two layers with one saw cut. Cut the pole wrap at the marks on the painter's tape. Remove the painter's tape, and you should have an un-splintered, smooth edge. Now lay out the pole wrap and cut with a box cutter to your measurements for the length of the drawer. Take pole wrap to the drawer to confirm the size is perfect. Repeat as many times as needed per your number of drawers.

TIP: *Inset drawers work best for fluting.*

STAIN POLE WRAP

5. Lay out your pole wrap for staining. Use your foam brush to brush the stain on the flat surfaces. Use your artist's brush to brush the stain into all the little pole wrap grooves. Allow the stain to dry, about 15 to 20 minutes.

AFFIX POLE WRAP TO DRAWERS

6. Use wood glue to affix stained pole wrap to the front face of the drawers. Using your foam brush, spread the wood glue evenly over the drawer face. Allow wood glue to dry for 12 to 24 hours.

TIP: *If you notice any excess wood glue seeping out of the edges, simply wipe it away with a rag.*

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INSTALL NEW HARDWARE

7. When the glue has dried, install your new hardware or reinstall your original hardware (whichever is your preference). Mark where you'd like hardware to be located, and use a drill to drill a pilot hole through the pole wrapping. Fasten hardware.