

refinishing furniture with chalk paint

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TIME: *About 2 hours
(including drying time)*

YOU WILL NEED:

- 1 thrifted wooden furniture piece (desk, end table, dresser, or similar)
- 1 30 ounce can of chalk paint
- 1 paint tray
- 1 3-4" paintbrush
- 1 artist's brush
- 1 TSP cleaning agent
- 1 rag
- 1 screwdriver
- 1 roll of painter's tape
- 1 matte top coat sealant (optional)

CLEAN FURNITURE

1. Apply the TSP cleaning agent to every surface with a spray bottle and wipe clean using your rag. Allow to dry for 10 to 15 minutes.

TIP: *You can do this project with any wooden furniture piece where you like the shape but not the finish.*

REMOVE THE OLD HARDWARE

2. Remove any drawers and/or hardware from the furniture piece and set aside. For any hardware that can't be removed (like hinges) cover with painter's tape.

APPLY PAINT

3. Open chalk paint and stir well, as chalk paint has a tendency to separate. Start brushing on the chalk paint. When brushing on the paint, make sure to use long strokes across the top of the piece to avoid start and stop marks. Use artist's brushes to paint around any hinges or hardware that couldn't be removed.
4. Finish a smooth, single coat and allow it to fully dry, about 15 to 30 minutes. Chalk paint is very thick so a single coat may be enough, but if not, apply a second coat and allow it to dry fully as well, about 15 to 30 minutes.

INSTALL HARDWARE

5. Reinstall your hardware or install new hardware if you prefer to swap it out.

ADD A TOP COAT (OPTIONAL)

6. Apply a top coat sealant to any surfaces that could be exposed to liquids. You can skip this step if you won't be setting liquids on the surface.