

How to Fix an Old Wooden Chair



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Introduction

That steal from the Saturday flea market may not look like such a find come Sunday--unless you know some tricks for reviving old furniture. Here's how to give that tired old chair a fresh look without breaking into your retirement account.

Instructions

Difficulty: Moderately Easy

Steps

1 Step One

Place the chair outside or in a garage on a drop cloth or tarp.

2 Step Two



Sand away years of old paint starting with medium-coarse (120-grit) sandpaper and finishing with fine (220-grit) sandpaper (see A).

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3 Step Three

Fill in nicks and crannies with wood-filler paste using a plastic putty knife. Smooth the surface with the putty knife.

4 Step Four

Let it dry overnight.

5 Step Five

Sand patched areas with fine (220-grit) sandpaper.

6 Step Six

Wipe down the entire chair with a tack cloth to remove dust particles.

7 Step Seven

Apply primer to the entire chair using a paintbrush.

8 Step Eight

Let it dry.

9 Step Nine



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Paint the chair (see B). Have fun choosing a color, whether it's a soft pastel for a baby's room, fire-engine red for a child's room or French blue for the kitchen. For an antique look, choose creamy off-white. If you'll be placing your chair outside, be sure to choose an exterior paint.

10 Step Ten

If desired, tie on a seat cushion in a complementary color.

Overall Tips & Warnings

Always apply paint and primer in a well-ventilated area.

Overall Things You'll Need

- Paint
- Drop Cloth Or Tarp
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Primer
- Seat Cushion With Ties
- Tack Cloth
- 120- And 220-grit Sandpaper
- Plastic Putty Knife
- Wood-filler Paste

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