

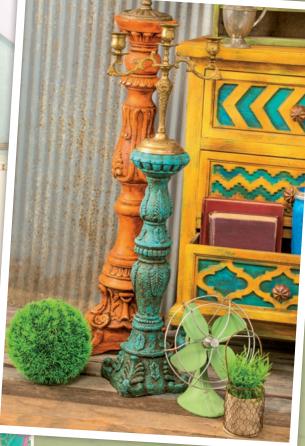
talkin' chalky

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≈ WING IT

One blissfully blue birdie abode, coming right up! We painted a store-bought metal birdhouse (Home Accents Department) and sanded it to highlight the textures and accents. And the banner keeps the chalky charm up to par: We painted straight onto chipboard pennants and hung 'em on pompom trim.



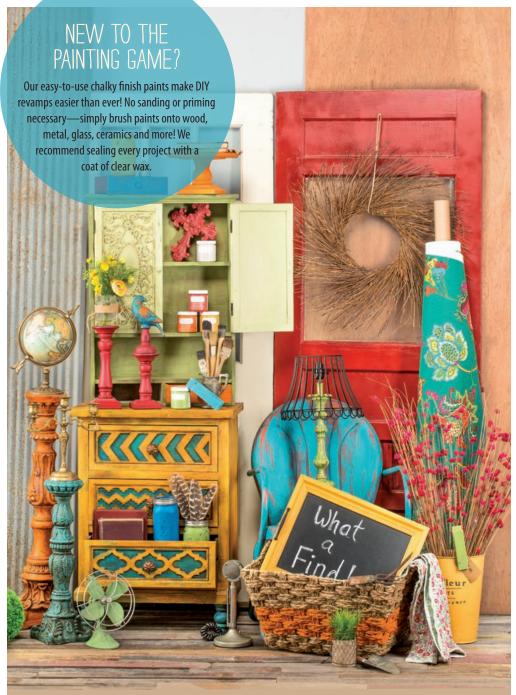
≈ LOOKIN' WOOD

Chalky finish paints work wonders on woodwork stunners like the ones you see here. When you're sanding or staining, focus on areas of relief to highlight all the gorgeous details and show off the piece's natural beauty. Or, try going with two-tone paints like we did on the dresser. The color contrast brings just the right amount of modern flair.

« SEAT AND RUN

This oh-so-blah chair hit the jackpot with our turquoise and orange update! After painting and adding wax, we buffed it for extra shine appeal. For the lamp, we experimented with gold leafing foil instead of distressing with stain or sandpaper... and the result was nothing short of sumptuous.





ANTIQUE: AMPLIFIED

When the storage shed's brimming with an eclectic crew of antique store finds, it's time for some DIY redos! We've got a few helpful techniques that'll give each project a look that's perfectly unique.

Dramatic distressed: Finish with a dark stain.

Subtle distressed: Sand gently to emphasize details.

Add some shine: Buff the finished product.

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WALL IN A DAY'S WORK (TOP LEFT)

A kitschy collage like this one gives whitewashed walls the sunniest of wake-up calls. The frames are sold as shown, but we updated them with pastel paints and substituted pretty papers for pictures. *Tip:* For the best coverage, paint frames with colors that are similar to the original—darks on darks, lights on lights.

VASE PLACE (BOTTOM LEFT)

Nothing says cozy-corner décor like a curated medley of glasses, jars and vases. The regular chalky finish paints will work just fine on glass and ceramics, but they won't hold up in a dishwasher. Keep 'em as decoration only!

RAISE THE JAR (BOTTOM RIGHT)

For the chalky paint enthusiast who wants to bring the cuteness into the kitchen, try Chalky Finish for Glass™ paints! They're totally dishwasher safe, so they'll work on mason jars, kitchen containers and more.

