

We've got home improvement's best kept secret:

CHALKY FINISH PAINTS!

No sanding or priming required. Simply paint, finish, and call yourself a regular renovating queen.



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.

NEW TO THE PAINTING GAME?

Our easy-to-use chalky finish paints make DIY revamps easier than ever! No sanding or priming necessary—simply brush paints onto wood, metal, glass, ceramics and more! We recommend sealing every project with a coat of clear wax.



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.

« TWEET TALK

For this make-you-flutter beauty, we mixed, matched and layered paints. Start with your base color, and then lightly brush on accent colors as desired. Don't be afraid to go bold—if you sand it later, it'll tone the colors down a bit.



» FEELS LIKE HOME

When farmhouse elegance is the goal, go for rich, home-y hues like these. We went heavy on the distressing, too—try sanding surfaces until the original paint color shows through, or mix and match colors to get the right look. Just be sure you apply the clear sealing wax after you sand.



≈ FAIR FRAME

Thrifted or cast-off frames become cottage-chic décor when you bring chalky finish into the mix. Here's our suggestion: Think outside the frame! Prop them around items of interest—we're thinking clothes, candles, flowers and more.

I DARE NEIGH

It's easy to give garage sale treasures and family heirlooms a lovely lift with fresh paint colors. We didn't want to go too modern, so we stuck to a youthful pastel color palette with some gentle sandpaper distressing. Now giddyup, thrifty DIYers!



PLAY THE MARKET

So you've got your chalky finish paints in one hand and your trusty paintbrush in the other. What else can you re-style? We say anything's fair game... especially with fabulous flea market finds like these. Try a seen-better-days lantern, an outdated end table, or even an old-fashioned wicker basket.



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.

