

# How to turn old furniture into treasures



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with Scott Cam

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# MITREPLAN PROJECT PLANNER

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- An easy-to-follow guide to achieving a perfect result.
- Outlines all the tools you will need for the job.
- Includes a materials checklist.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

Before starting this project or buying any materials, it is worth your time to read all steps thoroughly first to be sure you understand what is required.

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# Scotty's Workshop #3 TRASH 2 TREASURE Fact Sheet

This fact-sheet will guide you through some techniques for turning old bits of furniture into dazzling and desirable pieces that can fetch handsome prices at resale or look great in your own home.

## ✓ MIGHTY HELPFUL CHECKLIST

Your local Mitre10 store will stock everything you need.

	Material	ORDER
	Stain or Paint	
	Soft Cloths	
	Sand Paper	
	Steel Wool	
	Sugar Soap	
	Estopol	
	Wood Putty	
	Wire Brushes	
	Wattyl Wood Stains	
	Water-based Acrylic Paints	
	Paint Brushes	
	Crackle Medium (available from craft shops)	
	Clear Finish or Furniture Wax	

### Step 1: Preparation

There are two important steps:

First clean and sand off any old paint or lacquer. This is important to reveal any damaged areas.

Second, use your Wood Putty to fill any holes, cracks or obvious imperfections.

### Step 2: Sanding Back

If you're working with wood be careful to sand with the grain, never against it.

Once you're satisfied with the sanding remove all dust and debris. Ensure all surfaces are scrupulously clean. This is important if you want a premium finish.



### Step 3: Antique Painted Finish

Apply 2 coats of flat paint in the base colour of your choice, when dry apply white flat acrylic paint covering the entire piece of furniture. Wait until touch dry, approximately 10 - 15 minutes and apply your Crackle Medium onto the furniture in a cross brush motion.

Wait approximately 30 – 40 minutes and you will end up with the Antique Painted finish.

Next step is to get your steel wool and rub paint off the corners to bare timber to give that old used look.

Get the Estapol to paint the entire surface of your piece of furniture to give you a shiny finish.

### Step 4: A professional finish

Apply your clear coat with the bristle brush to seal the wood and produce that restorer's quality professional finish. You may also want to experiment with furniture wax for a different effect.

**That's all there is to doing a simple makeover that could add hundreds of dollars to the value of a dusty old piece.**

Watch for future useful fact sheets in coming weeks.



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