

Staining vs. Painting

First thing is to decide if you are going to stain or paint your wood furniture piece. Staining will revive the woods natural beauty while painting it will give it a fresh look. You can stain or paint just about any piece of wood furniture in and around your home.

Pick Your Piece

What piece of furniture could use a new look?

- Tables (dining room, coffee, patio, etc.)
- Nightstands and dressers
- Cabinets and vanities
- Exterior and interior railings/fences/partitions
- Deck/Patio flooring

Pick the Paint / Stain

- Color
- Sheen / Finish
- Oil or Water based (stain)
- Pick a primer if painting
- Select gel or other top coat

Gather Supplies

- Paint or Stain
- Mixing Stick
- Sander / Sandpaper
- Applicators (brushes/rollers)
- Painters Tape
- Floor Cover (old bed sheet works!)
- Rags / Towels
- Tack Cloth

TIPS

- Place hardware in a baggie or container for easy reassembly and loss prevention
- Set up project in a well-ventilated space & out of direct sunlight
- Use an adjustable light (ex. table lamp) to see imperfections
 - Always work WITH the grain
 - Mix all products well before use
 - For ease of use and cleaning: run water over brush for latex & use paint thinner for oil based
- **Clean the piece EVERY TIME it's sanded (Tack Cloth works great)

Instructions:

- 1.) Prepare piece by removing hardware
- 2.) Sand the surface just enough to roughen any existing gloss/finish allowing proper adhesion
- 3.) Wipe the piece clean **

Painting:

- 4.) Prime the piece (follow product instructions) & allow to dry completely
 - 5.) Apply paint apply more coats to achieve desired color
 - 6.) Apply protective coat (per product instructions)
- ** Make sure paint is completely dried

Staining:

- 4.) Apply single coat & let set for 10 min.
- 5.) Wipe any excess with cloth/rag
- 6.) Repeat steps 4 & 5 to achieve desired look
- 6.) Apply protective coat (follow product instructions) ** Make sure final coat dry completely