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Pride of place

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EASY

QUICK PROJECT GUIDE
Hard labour 2/10
Skill level 2/10
Time needed 3 hours

You will need

SHOPPING LIST

- lacquer thinners
- 175ml Tjhoko Paint in the colour Gracious
- 25ml Tjhoko Paint in the colour Comfort's Blue
- Tjhoko Paint Clear Glaze

TOOLS

- old rag
- 5cm Hamilton's paintbrush
- Dala round brush for the detail



This old tallboy now has so much character, it would be a showstopper in any space.

Get started...



1 Clean the wood thoroughly with a rag dipped in lacquer thinners; allow to dry for 40 minutes. Remove the handles.



2 Paint two to three coats of chalk paint in the base colour (we used Gracious). Allow each coat to dry properly (about 30 minutes) before applying the next coat.



3 Paint a darker colour (Comfort's Blue) in the grooves; do just a small section at a time.



4 Using a damp cloth, wipe lightly over the grooves to get rid of excess paint.



5 Dilute the glaze with one-third water and rub it all over the painted surfaces with a damp cloth. Allow the glaze to dry completely before applying a second layer. Replace the handles.



[PAINTING FURNITURE 101]

Hanlie Bonafede is a Grade R teacher from Brackenfell in Cape Town. She has a passion for sprucing up items and does paint projects on order. She offers the following advice for beginners:

- Preparation is key. Make sure your surface is clean and free of grease stains and other dirt. Clean oil-treated furniture with lacquer thinners (wear gloves) and allow to dry properly - at least 40 minutes.
- If the surface still feels greasy after using the lacquer thinners, seal the wood with a white oil-based primer such as Excelsior Wood Primer. Allow to dry completely, then paint.
- Lightly sand very smooth or shiny surfaces with fine-grit sandpaper. The paint will then adhere better - this also applies to tiles.
- If wood filler has been used to fix scuff marks or gouges, make sure it has dried completely before you start painting.
- Always use a good quality brush, for example Hamilton's, which won't easily shed bristles. If any bristles do end up in the wet paint, remove them immediately, before the paint dries.

- Always work in the shade.
- Not all chalk paint has the same consistency. Pour out a little and mix in a little water for a smoother finish. Don't pour water directly into the paint tin or pot - it will contaminate the paint and make it smell bad.
- For a smooth finish, rather paint three or four thin coats than one thick coat. If you apply paint too thickly, the brush strokes will be very prominent.
- It takes a few days for chalk paint to cure properly; take care not to scratch or bump the surface during the first few hours after completing your project.
- Don't paint the bottoms and outsides of drawers as this may cause them to jam.
- Wipe the rim of your paint pots before closing them, or you'll battle to open the lid next time.
- Don't leave unsealed items outdoors or in an unenclosed roofed area overnight. The moisture that accumulates will leave unsightly watermarks. 🏠

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