

Hints For The Handy

Three Simple DIY Wood Projects That Will Make A Big Impact In Any Room

(NAPSA)—Sometimes, all it takes to make a big difference in the look and feel of your home are a couple of minor updates. By picking the right pieces to refresh and choosing colors that make a statement, smaller projects can end up making a lasting impact.

An Unexpected Pop of Color.

Make any room come to life in an unpredictable way by adding a bright color to an ordinary piece of furniture. Min-



wax® Water Based Wood Stain is the perfect choice for a variety of projects like an end table or your child's headboard. It is available in 40 different colors—ranging from rich wood tones to decorative colors like Perfectly Pink and Tangerine. First, apply Minwax® Water Based Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner to the wood prior to staining to ensure even stain color penetration and reduce grain raising on both soft and hardwoods. Then apply the stain in the color of your choice. To complete your project, topcoat with Minwax® Polycrylic® Protective Finish for long-lasting beauty and protection.

Show Off Your Artsy Side. Create decor that you will be proud of and want to show off. One simple way to do this is to create a wood art project to use as wall decor. Whether you create a wooden frame for a prized photo or a trendy wooden sign, use Min-

wax® Wood Finishing Cloths to complete your project. They are easy-to-use cloths that come pre-moistened with stain and finish—even gloves are included! Minwax® Wood Finishing Cloths make completing a wood finishing project quick and convenient—in one easy step. Simply wipe on the stain and then wipe off the excess, and let it dry for an hour. Once the stain dries, hang your creation on the wall and sit back to admire it!

Bring the Outdoors In. A simple way to liven a room is by bringing



nature in with flowers or plants. Create a colorful indoor planter box that doubles as wall decor. To ensure even stain color penetration and reduce grain raising, start by applying a coat of Minwax® Water Based Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner to a lightweight unfinished planter box. Then stain the wood with Minwax® Water Based Wood Stain in a bright hue such as Daffodil to add a splash of color to the room. For both beauty and protection, don't forget to topcoat your project with Minwax® Polycrylic® Protective Finish. Once the finish dries, fill the box with your favorite potted flowers or indoor plants.

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