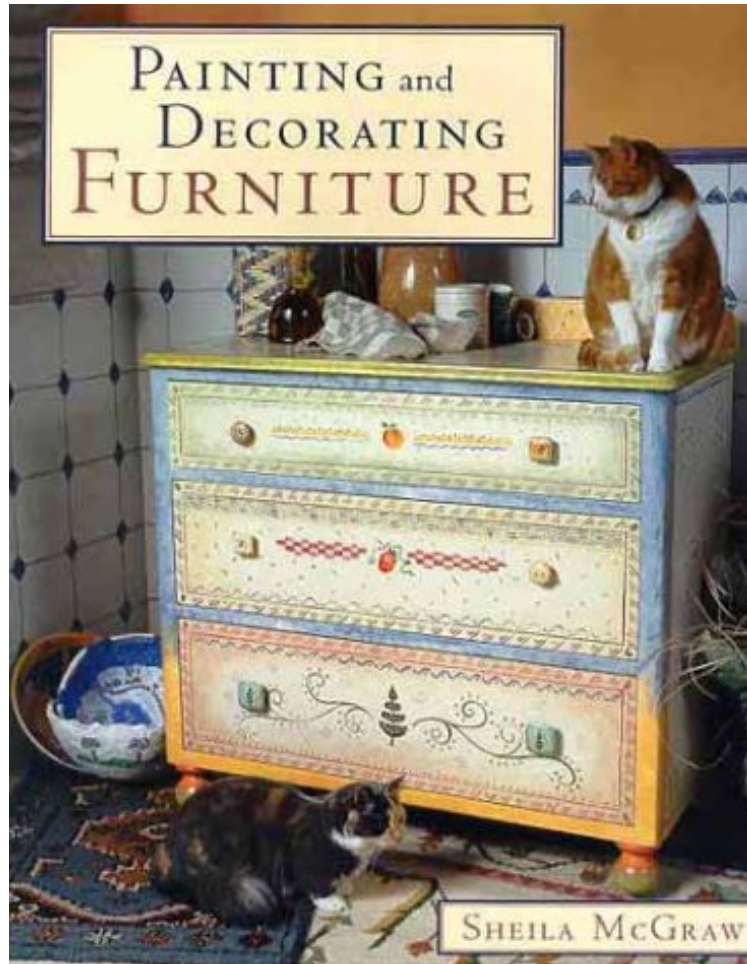


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Sheila McGraw : Painting and Decorating Furniture before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Painting and Decorating Furniture:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Finally, a crafting book I can use! By Trey I'm not looking to make an artistic statement, just remake some old furniture I inherited into something I can live with. I've looked for ideas and books for months, and when I found this in the library I loved it so much I bought too copies: one for me, and one for a friend with zero craft skills. There are lots of ideas (so what if it's simple old decoupage? who'd have thought of pasting an entire poster on a dresser, or using lovely calligraphy?) The instructions could not be more well thought out and illustrated. There are lots of tips and "words to the wise" sprinkled throughout to avoid mishaps or just to make the project look better, and the projects are infinitely adaptable to whatever furniture or materials you have lying around. There is something for (almost) everyone -- some projects are a little high brow artsy for my taste, some a little too country cute, but there are also antiquing and modernizing techniques, projects incorporating natural materials and

descriptions of faux finishes. Materials, tools and techniques are thoroughly reviewed, patterns are provided, alternatives are suggested. There's even a section on repairing broken furniture in preparation for painting. Oh, and the index and table of contents are thorough and make it easy to find a project to go with the supplies or ideas you have already. In a word, this is a wonderful book that does what it says it does -- gives folks with some ugly, broken or boring furniture inspiration and practical guidance to make something useful and attractive. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book! By Pop Grandma I recently purchased the book, 'Painting and Decorating Furniture' from .com. I read other customer reviews before purchasing and was very pleased with the book. I have been doing decorative arts most of my life since my mother was a creative person. 'Painting and Decorating Furniture' shows basic techniques and methods of decorative art relating to furniture. The book can serve a novice or an experienced crafter equally well. It gives the reader step-by-step instructions along with variations of each theme. I wish other readers great results with your one of a kind creations using this book as a guide. 13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. I LOVE THIS BOOK By A Customer This is a great book about decorative furniture painting. McGraw gives creative tips and techniques that I hadn't seen in other books, such as using caulking to create raised effects. She also shows you how to create your own block stamps on a roller to create consistent patterns. Although some of the projects aren't my style, many of them employ techniques that I definitely will use. I bought this book along with "Painted Furniture" by Diane Weaver because I wanted to paint some dressers that had been handed down to me and was looking for inspiration. This one is so much better than the Weaver book. I'm inspired to paint my kitchen table and chairs too. I was going to buy new kitchen chairs, but this book had an example of a painted chair that's exactly like mine. One of my chairs is wobbly and has been glued and clamped several times. This book gave me tips on how to really fix it and although I don't care for the floral motif on the example chair, I'm bursting with ideas for mine.

"...quite probably, the best general instructions on furniture decoration that exist." - Booklist Painting and Decorating Furniture is the definitive book on reviving old or unsightly furniture with simple craft techniques. Sheila McGraw shows how to breathe new life and color into old wood, metal or plastic laminate cabinets, desks, dressers, tables, chairs and cushions. With more than 1,000 step-by-step color photographs to guide the reader, and concise easy-to-follow instructions, the author demonstrates original treatments and techniques, including new stains and faux finishes, decorating with found materials, and inventive uses for fabric, posters and baskets. Popular treatments such as dragging, smooching, block printing, metallic leafing, crackled varnish, faux plaster, antiquing, decoupage, and other fine art and furniture finishes enhance furniture with freehand, decorative and folk painting. The stenciling and other projects all include patterns. With expert descriptions of tools and materials, McGraw generously shares her extensive knowledge and years of experience. Projects are easy-clean-up, fast-drying and use water-based paints and environmentally friendly primers, stains, varnishes and strippers. Painting and Decorating Furniture is fully cross-referenced and indexed. The "Read This First" sections prevent mistakes, and complete Materials Lists avoid frustration. Enormously popular, this new paperback edition of Painting and Decorating Furniture will introduce more buyers to its strong formula of excellent content, beautiful production and indisputable value.

From Library Journal McGraw, whose previous craft books include Papier-Mache for Kids (Firefly, 1991), gives clear, well-illustrated instructions to over 30 furniture decorating projects. She begins with an overview of the materials, equipment, and basic techniques needed for preparing furniture to be decorated and continues with the projects that primarily involve various paint techniques, but she also shows how to refurbish cushioned seats, mosaic a tabletop, and fabric-cover furniture. Although the directions are generally clear, more detailed techniques such as tole painting are better illustrated in Priscilla Hauser's Book of Decorative Painting (LJ 9/15/97). With the variety of projects illustrated, this book will be popular addition to collections whose patrons are looking for how-to books. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. A great gift for the do-it-yourselfer. (Style at Home Magazine) Painting and Decorating Furniture by Sheila McGraw is truly the most inspiring. The illustrated steps and materials lists let the reader believe 'I can do this!' (Newsday) McGraw has a wonderful eye for unleashing the personality of seemingly bland, ordinary pieces. (New Orleans Times-Picayune) Painting and Decorating Furniture is the epitome of instruction for those wanting to spruce up their personal items. McGraw shows how to breathe new life and color into old wood, metal and plastic laminated cabinets, desks, dressers, tables, chairs and cushions. (Lee Littlewood Copley News Service 1999-10-21) This is an 'ooh and ahh' book. As in, 'Ooh, look how she made faux stucco seraphims and mud-colored paint look like a million bucks,' and 'Ahh, I didn't know branches and leaves could look so sophisticated.' (Sandy Guerra-Cline Fort Worth Morning Star-Telegram 1999-11-27) Armed with this book and some basic paint supplies, you can turn ho-hum furniture into useful and attractive pieces. There's no need to be a gifted crafts person because the highly organized projects are well-illustrated with step-by-step instructions anyone can follow. (Jim Carlson Country Decorating Ideas 2000-03-01) This tome is truly inspirational. After leafing through it, it's easy to see the artistic possibilities within your weary wooden furniture ... [Sheila McGraw's] full-color photographs detailing each step of the project are extremely helpful for the engineering-challenged. (Jennifer Isaac Calgary Sun 2000-02-

05)The epitome of instruction for those wanting to spruce up their personal items. McGraw shows how to breathe new life and color into old wood, metal and plastic laminated cabinets, desks, dressers, tables, chairs and cushions. (Charlotte Observer 2000-04-12)If you're planning to refinish any furniture, I heartily recommend this book, because it will tell you everything you need to know. The beautiful color photographs will provide you with lots of inspiration for your own work, while technical aspects are covered in full. (Liz Graham Newfoundland Herald 2000-07-01)A good start for beginners with simple, easy-to-follow projects, furniture preparation and materials. (Joy Kraft Cincinnati Enquirer 2004-01-03)About the Author Sheila McGraw is author of Papier Mch Today, Gifts Kids Can Make, Papier Mch for Kids, Dolls Kids Can Make and Soft Toys to Sew. She is the illustrator of the best-selling children's books Love You Forever, and Lightning Bug Thunder as well as author/illustrator of Pussycats Everywhere.