

How-to: bachelor pad tv stand



Here's how to apply the bachelor pad look to a piece of furniture

We've chosen a TV stand to transform with this technique, but you can apply this process to other types of furniture.



You'll need:

- your choice of paint paintbrush
- thin ply
- saw
- superglue (or tacks and a hammer)
- beeswax or soft furniture wax
- sponge, cloth or paintbrush to apply wax
- sandpaper

What do I need to do?

Follow this easy step by step guide:

1 Cut ply

Cut a piece of plywood to cover up the crisscross panel area and attach it with superglue. You could alternatively nail it on with tacks and cover the nails with filler.



2 Paint

Then paint the whole piece of furniture with chalk paint. We used a mix of 3 parts Graphite to 1 part Old White of Annie Sloan. If you're using an emulsion paint you will need a primer or undercoat first.

3 Distress

Lightly distress along the edges with sandpaper. This will highlight the piece and stop it from looking flat.

4 Apply wax

Using a cloth, paintbrush or sponge, apply a coat of medium to dark wax all over to give an authentic vintage look with a soft sheen. The more you buff it the shinier it will become. For a really durable finish (especially on the top), apply a second coat of wax 24 hours after the first.



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