

# Curbside Cabinet Find – Refinished

A month ago, on one of our nightly dog walks we stumbled across a nice curbside find – a Cabinet in good condition that just needed to be refinished. As you can tell though, it sat in our garage for a month until I could truly decide on what I wanted to do with it. I'd say that making that decision was the hardest part of doing this this project.

I was all set to go once I had picked my cabinet colour (the same colour that I ended up paint my 2 accent walls)

Make sure you read through the instructions and look over the plans fully before you start your project. Check out the "Before You Start" page for more on tool information, tips & tricks. *Always stay safe and wear all safety protection.* It is always best to make your cuts as you go and as they say, measure twice and cut once.

If you have any questions just ask away!

## Tools I Needed:



Rubber Mallet



Sander



Drill and Screw Bit



Work or Rubber Gloves – so I don't stain or paint my hands – Rubber gloves you can dispose of after staining



Paintbrushes, a bristle brush to paint, and a sponge brush to stain



Finish Nailer



Shop Towels

## **Materials I Needed**

Paint

Stain

New hardware

## **Steps to Refinish the Cabinet**

1. First I took off the hardware, removed the drawers, unscrewed the hutch.



2. Next I took off the back panel of the hutch. I used the rubber mallet because it would be the easiest to ensure that I do not damage the panel
3. I sanded everything down enough to get the top clear coat to allow the paint to stick.



4. The top and the back panel I sanded all the existing stain off in order to be able to re-stain the cabinet.
5. I put the coat of stain on the top and back panel, allowing it to sit before I wiped off the excess with a paper towel.



6. I painted the cabinet, and hutch, making sure to get all the visible spots. However, since I was going for a more distressed look, I allowed some of my brush strokes to show by using a lot of paint for coverage.
7. Once the paint had dried, I used a fine coarse sandpaper on the edges and creases of the cabinet. I did this because it allows the old colour to come through the paint making it more distressed.



8. The next thing to do it to put the back panel back on the hutch using the finishing nail gun.
9. Lastly, it was time to reassemble the cabinet. I put the drawers back in the cabinet with the new hardware and then re-screwed in the hutch to the cabinet.

My end result came out better than I had hoped, which was a great feeling. I was able to take something I had found and give it a new and refreshing look for such a minimal cost.

– Michelle

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