

# HOW TO PAINT INDOOR FURNITURE



Painting your furniture can breathe new life into a room at a fraction of the cost of buying new furniture. With the right preparation, high quality paint and the [just-right paint colors](#), a makeover of your favorite piece is within reach. Repaint a dresser, chairs, a wooden bed frame or a battered coffee table, and your favorite painted wood furniture will enjoy a colorful second life.

From the classic [Simply White OC-117](#) to the dramatic [Black Beauty 2128-10](#), you've got 3,500+ colors to choose from. You might even want to consider adding a pop of dimension to a part of your furniture—think a tabletop or dresser drawers—with [Studio Finishes® Metallic Glaze \(620\)](#), a metallic paint for furniture that dries quickly to a glimmering, translucent metallic lustre.

## Step #1: Prepare the Surface

When it comes to repainting furniture, the surface needs to be clean, dry and ready to accept paint. Use a gentle grease remover to remove any grime, then follow with a fresh water rinse to make sure the surface is clear of any remnants of the cleaner. Use a damp sponge for a final wipe down, and let everything dry thoroughly.

After cleaning and ensuring the piece is 100% dry, it is time to sand. Using a medium sandpaper (we like 100- to 150-grit), sand down your surfaces a little—not enough to sand away the current finish entirely, but enough to give the primer a little more grit to stick to. Wipe away any dust with a slightly damp cloth, then let dry.

Make sure you repair any cracks, joints, or nail holes with a good wood-patching compound. After the compound has thoroughly dried, sand it down to make it even with the surrounding wood.

## Step #2: Prime the Surface

[ADVANCE® Interior Primer \(790\)](#) has great adhesion for wood surfaces, providing the proper foundation for any ADVANCE finish. Plus, it can be sanded and levels well, ensuring a smooth finish and helping to mask minor imperfections. Painting furniture a darker color? Use a tinted primer as your base.

## Step #3: Consider Sheen

Sheen is an important consideration in addition to the color. To help camouflage minor imperfections, or to give a vintage flavor to your piece, a lower sheen is a good choice. For a sleek, modern feel, a high-gloss gives a design edge. Furniture takes more abuse than the typical wall, so the best paint for furniture is Benjamin Moore's [ADVANCE](#) Interior paint, which offers multiple sheen options to suit your aesthetic: matte, satin, semi-gloss or high gloss.

## Step #4: Paint Your Furniture

Professional painters prefer [ADVANCE](#) Interior paint for painting wood furniture: it offers a durable, furniture-like finish that is easy to apply and easy to clean. ADVANCE works beautifully for painting laminate furniture as well. You can find ADVANCE exclusively at your [local Benjamin Moore retailer](#), where ADVANCE is available in all 3,500+ colors Benjamin Moore has to offer.

Tip: It is easy to miss areas when you are painting furniture, so if possible, raise the piece onto a table top surface so you can easily view from all angles to ensure no spots are missed.

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