



When decorating it's important to know your style. (My style is country/primitive.) I get a lot of inspiration from magazines and often use the photos for my own inspiration. Here is one that inspired me to make my own sink cover.

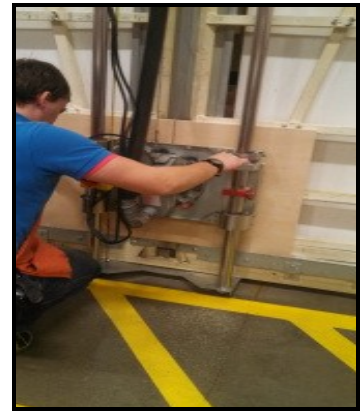
I have been wanting one of them for such a long time, but ~~to cheap~~, not willing to pay the \$98 price tag I've seen for one of them.



So, I decided to make a trip to Home Depot just to see if they had anything that would be wide enough to make one. I had measured my double sink and it needed to be 17" wide by 31" long. I found this piece of 3/4" birch plywood that would be just perfect. It cost \$20.97 for 2 x 4 ft piece, so I had two pieces left over after it was cut to size.

The young man who was helping me even offered to cut it to size.

I heard they did that, but never had the need to find out if was true, and to my delight it was!



**I would love to have a saw set up like this one!**



After I got home, I ~~dug out~~ found my hand sander and hit all the edges and rounded the corners.

I needed to decide if I wanted to stain it, paint it, distress it, or do a two color overlay. After looking at the paints I had available, I decided to make some brown chalk paint.

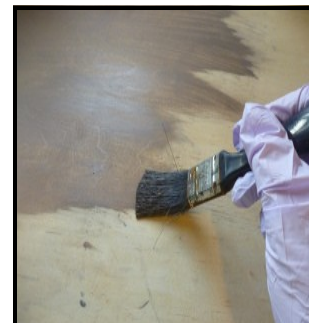


This is what I found when I opened this unused can of paint! I guess storing it in the garage and having temperatures dip to -10 degrees last winter wasn't such a good idea.

Oh well, we are going to see if I can salvage this by thinning it out with some water.

YAY!!! It did work and created this light colored stain!

After the board dried, I decided to try and make some ivory colored chalk paint.





I have never attempted this before, but I found a recipe on Pinterest that said to use 3 parts paint to 1 part Plaster of Paris (Pop). First, you have dilute the POP with some hot water, then pour that mixture into the paint, otherwise, it will be grainy.

My son was watching me paint this and he was giving me some free advice on how to do it. This is what he did! LOL...*not quite the look I was going for Son!*



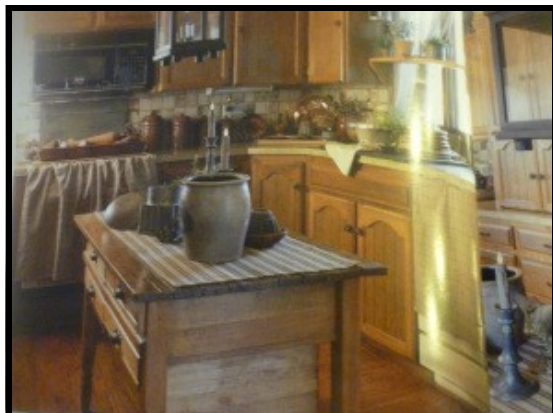
I did a dry brush effect on it, hindsight tells me that I really didn't need to do a chalk paint to accomplish that look, but that's the fun of crafting, you just go with the flow! To do a dry brush effect you need a stiff brush, put some paint on it and then using a paper towel get off as much excess paint as you can. Then just lightly brush across the board.



### ***I love how it looks on my sink!***

I pulled out this oil lamp sconce I purchased at Goodwill for \$2.99 (I have a pair of them), added the grapevine planter basket that I paid \$1.99 for (it still has the \$10 tag on it) and the beautiful primroses I picked up at Home Depot for 78 cents each!

My hubby even liked it, said he was "impressed" with how nice it turned out! That's a big compliment coming from him!



If you look close in this photo from my inspiration picture, do you see how they used a homespun towel (or piece of fabric) to cover the dishwasher?

Here is my version using a flour sack!



Blessings,

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