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Kristi here....

Spring has sprung and that means summer is just around the corner! This year, I've decided to compile my favorite spring and summer projects. In my eBook, you'll find 10 ways to freshen up your space for the warmer months, on a budget of course! Whether you're just getting your feet wet or you're a DIY expert, there's something for everyone! Join me on a tour through my cottage where I'll show you my best spring and summer DIY projects.

Let's Go!

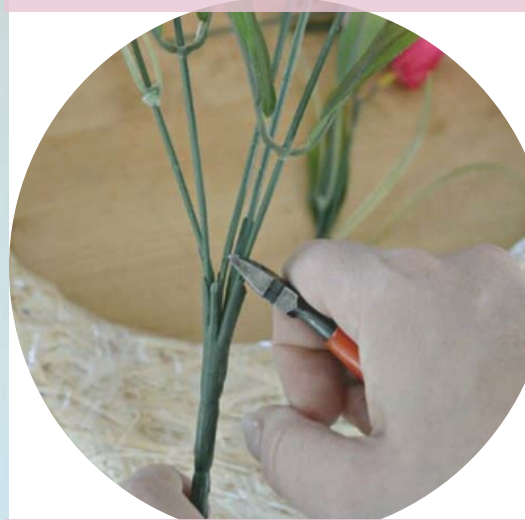


Easy Tulip Wreath

1 Lightly wrap ribbon around wreath form (not loose enough that it would move around, but loose enough to allow you to stick the stems in the seams)



2 Cut off each stem from the main stem using wire cutters. I tried to keep each stem fairly long in the hopes that they would have a better chance of staying in place.



3 Working my way around the wreath form, I pushed each stem into the seams. Some of the stems ended up going through the plastic wrapping of the wreath form, which was added security. I didn't worry about each one going all the way through. As long as they were all the way in the seam, they were good.



Tools & Materials

- 18" wreath form
- ribbon
- faux tulips
- wire cutters



Coat Rack

with Storage



Tools

- pneumatic brad nailer
- chop saw
- screwdriver

Materials

- 3/4 x 3 1/2" pine - 10' piece
- 1 3/4" brads
- 3/4 x 2 1/2" pine
- 3/4 x 1 1/2" pine
- sandpaper
- dark walnut wood stain
- wood glue
- 3 coat hooks
- clean rag

Cut List

- 2 pieces @ 3/4 x 3 1/2 x 14
- 4 pieces @ 3/4 x 3 1/2 x 13 1/2
- 1 piece @ 3/4 x 2 1/2 x 15" long
- 1 piece @ 3/4 x 1 1/2 x 15" long

1 Determine measurements for coat rack by measuring space where it will hang

2 Cut both pine board on chop saw in pieces: See Cut List

3 Assemble shelves first - use wood glue to attach 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 13" long pieces together and nail

4 Next, attach each 3/4" x 3 1/2" x 14" piece to each side. Run a bead of wood glue to each edge and nail with brad nailer

5 Attach front piece on each shelf (the 3/4 x 2 1/2 x 15" piece for the top shelf and the 3/4 x 1 1/2 x 15" piece for the bottom shelf). Again add a bead of wood glue and nail to attach

6 Clean up all oozing glue

7 Sand completed coat rack and shelves

8 Clean well to remove all dust

9 With a clean, dry rag apply stain, wipe off excess

10 Let Dry

11 Attach hooks on bottom shelf and hanger on back



Easy Curtain Rods

Tools & Materials

- 1/2" floor flanges x2
- 1/2" elbows x2
- 4 wood screws
- 1/2" x 12" black pipe x2
- 1/2" iron caps x2
- 2 packages curtain clips
- 1/2" x 2" nipple x2
- Drill

1
Wipe down your pipes really well. They're greasy and will turn everything they touch black...yuck!

2
Drill your first floor flange into the desired location using two screws at 12 o'clock and 6 o'clock on the flange. Make sure to place it over a beam so that it's sturdy and secure!

3
Assemble your rods. Nipple to flange, elbow to nipple, pipe to elbow and cap to pipe.

4
Repeat on the other side of your window.

5
Hang your curtains using curtain clips

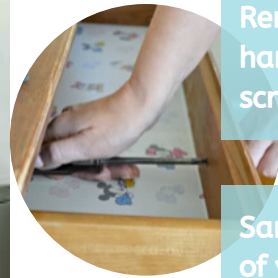


Old Dresser Makeover



Tools & Materials

- old dresser
- new hardware
- new feet (if desired)
- paint
- paint brush
- small roller
- sanding block
- screwdriver
- drill (if adding feet)



1 Remove all the old hardware using a screwdriver

2 Sand down the exterior of your dresser

3 Wipe all surfaces to remove dust and dirt prior to painting



4 Using a drill, add the new feet brackets to each underside corner of the dresser

5 Apply the first coat of paint using a roller



11 Add new hardware using screwdriver

6 Use the brush to reach tight spots, then go over with a roller to avoid brush streaks

7 Don't forget to paint your new feet!

8 Let your first coat dry

9 Add another coat of paint and allow to fully dry

10 Apply pads to new feet and screw them into the brackets

Scrap Wood Cutting Board



Let wood conditioner dry

5

Take old leather belt and cut in 2 pieces for cutting board handles

6

Use warm soap and water to clean leather (careful not to soak leather)

7

Center leather handle in the middle of the side of the cutting board

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Drill pilot holes through leather and into wood

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Take brass screws and screw into pilot holes in leather and wood (I used 2 screws on each side of handle)

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Repeat on opposite side of cutting board

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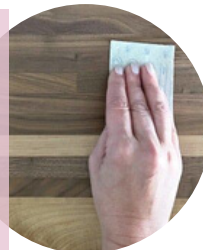
Tools & Materials

- old leather belt
- piece of butcher block countertop
- brass wood screws
- wood conditioner
- clean cotton cloth
- soap and water
- drill
- scissors
- medium and fine grit sand paper

Take cutout from butcher block countertop or regular wood



Sand top, bottom and sides of butcher block first with medium grit sandpaper, then with fine grit



Wipe wood down well with clean cloth

Take new clean cloth and wood conditioner and apply to top, bottom and sides of wood cutting board (follow directions on bottle)



You can make this piece with or without handles!

Chalk Paint Mason Jars

Tools & Materials

- mason jars
- chalk paint
- paint brush
- buffing pad
- coarse sandpaper
- twine or string
- labels of your choice
- potting mix
- greens of your choice or seeds

1 Use the paint brush to apply one coat of paint to each mason jar

2 Allow paint to dry

3 Apply second coat and allow time to dry

4 Lightly buff the brush lines using the buffing pad

5 Using the coarse sandpaper, sand the raised areas on the jars (the words and designs)

6 Cut your greens to fit each jar. I used wheatgrass

7 Fill your jar with a handful of potting mix and a clump of greens or your seeds

8 Measure twine or string around your jar, plus enough to hang a tag. Assemble tag



Mason Jar Sconces on Barn Door

Tools & Materials

- old door or other piece of wood
- electric tea light candles
- 5 mason jars
- 2" rigid straps x 5
- wood screws
- wire hangers for jars
- frosted glass spray paint
- metallic spray paint
- primer spray paint
- brown multicolored textured spray paint
- painters tape
- hammer
- drill



Apply textured spray paint to rigid straps to give them a rustic feel.



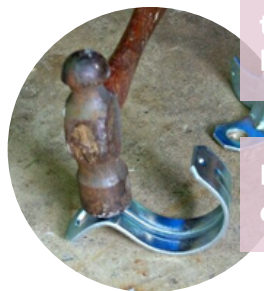
Drill the hooks into the barn door using the wood screws and drill.



Apply painters tape to lower portion of mason jars and spray with metallic paint, allow time to dry.



When dry, spray the whole jar with frosted glass paint.



Using a hammer, flatten the rigid straps so they can hang flush on the door.

Prime the rigid straps, allow time to dry.

Hang the mason jars from the hooks.

Place tea light candles inside mason jars for a lovely summer evening ambiance!

Try hanging plants and move on your new decorative door!

Tomato Cage Plant Stand

Tools & Materials

- bucket or pot for plant
- tomato cage
- hacksaw
- spray paint (I used hammered bronze)

1 Take your tomato cage and flip it upside down

2 Estimate which ring will fit your pot best

3 Using your hacksaw, saw off the excess parts of the tomato cage just above your desired ring

4 Check that your pot fits well in the ring you've chosen

5 Spray paint your tomato cage

6 Let it dry

7 Place your potted plant into its new home!





Tools & Materials

- cotton fabric
- fusible tape
- no sew glue
- rope cording
- tie dye kit
- iron
- 20x20 pillow insert
- scissors
- velcro

Wash fabric and dry until damp. Do not use softeners. Let air dry

Cut your fabric into two pieces, adding 1 inch to 3 sides and 2 inches to the fourth side of each piece

Tie dye your fabric according to your kit. I chose to dye one side, but you can do both!

Iron both pieces of fabric to remove all wrinkles

Fold each side in one inch and iron down, cutting a diagonal on each corner of the folds

Use fusible tape to fuse the side with one extra inch on both pieces of fabric (follow directions on fusible tape package)



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Using the fabric glue, add the cording to the piece of fabric that will be the back of your pillow. Starting an inch from the corner, put a bead of glue and press the flat part of the cording onto the glue. Work along the edge of the pillow, repeating the process every inch.



Let the glue dry according to instructions

Line up your velcro along the side where you used the fusible tape. Glue the velcro onto the fabric. Use something heavy to press it down while it dries



When you get to a corner, simply cut a few slits in the flat part of the cording and work your way around the corner.



When you've reach the end, use a little extra glue and overlap the cording just a bit.

When your velcro has dried, square up your front piece of fabric onto the bottom piece. Lay your fusible tape on top of the cording, then lay your front piece of fabric on top. Iron according to directions.



Insert your pillow into its new case!

Raw Beeswax Candles

Tools & Materials

- 1 lb. raw beeswax
- cotton candle wicks
- pencils to hold wicks in place
- small mason jars
- glass measuring cup
- sauce pot
- cutting board
- sharp knife
- optional: scented oil

1 Fill sauce pot with just enough water to cover bottom half of measuring cup. Place on medium heat

2 Cut beeswax into small chunks

3 Put chunks of beeswax in glass measuring cup

4 Once water is steaming, place measuring cup in hot water

5 Let wax melt. *Optional: add scented oil to melted wax*

6 Prepare mason jars by placing cotton wick in center of each jar

7 Use a pencil to keep wick centered by wrapping wick around pencil and placing pencil across the rim

8 Once wax is fully melted, carefully pour into mason jar (use pot holder when handling hot glass)

9 Make sure wick is centered. Let wax dry

10 Once wax is hardened, trim wick with scissors

