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Furniture Repair & Refinishing (Ultimate Guide To... (Creative Homeowner))



Synopsis

Packed with detailed information, Furniture Repair & Refinishing takes a hands-on approach to furniture repair and restoration. Written by an authority in the field, the book teaches-through step-by-step instructions and full-color photo how sequences-everything the beginning furniture restorer needs to know to achieve professional results, whether planning a simple repair or a full restoration. All tasks are rated for difficulty and feature tools and materials lists.

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Customer Reviews

As I faced the prospect of attempting to repair and rejuvenate several inherited family antiques, and having no knowledge of how to go about it, I bought this book along with three others in hopes of finding a guide to help me get me through it. Almost immediately, this book seemed to answer my questions in terms of both process and materials. My first project was to recondition our dining room table - circa 1920s. With age it had gained many water and heat marks and was too unsightly to be used without a table cloth. Following the general outlines of the book, I soon had the table looking quite lovely. My next project was to repair and recondition an old grandfather clock. My father had helped to build it with a friend of his back in the 1950s. It is a nice piece - about seven feet tall - but damaged in several places most likely because of the busy location it had in entrance hall of my parents home. The most obvious damage was on the door which fronted the casing holding the pendulum and weights. There were several water marks and a very conspicuous dent in

the door. Again, using suggestions from the book, I removed the door and used steel wool and mineral spirits to remove the largest water stain, but I was concerned when I realized that the area of the repair was much lighter than the rest of the piece. I was afraid that I may have already damaged the piece badly and was concerned if I went any further without expert advice I might damage it further. My wife suggested that I take it to someone who did the work for a living and said that on her normal route into town that she past a storefront that advertised furniture refinishing. She also said that she had heard indirectly, that the owner of the shop did good work.

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