



# Home Improvement Tips

## Easy Weekend Projects Packed With Personality

(NAPSA)—It's easier than you think to turn an ordinary dining table into a work of art or create a focal point with flooring that climbs the walls. In fact, if you take a fresh look at some familiar furniture pieces, you may come up with a variety of clever decorating solutions. Homeowners and apartment dwellers alike can explore a world of decorating possibilities by taking a creative approach.

A new *Easy Weekend Projects* booklet does just that, offering practical, easy-to-do projects that can be completed in a weekend or two. The free 12-page booklet features a welcome from master carpenter Norm Abram, host of the popular PBS series "The New Yankee Workshop."

The helpful booklet combines simple techniques and colorful photography to guide do-it-yourselfers through four unique wood-finishing projects that put a little fun into decorating.

- **Turning the tables**—An unfinished table is the blank canvas upon which wood tone stains can be applied to create a smart tone-on-tone striped effect, or try a multicolored geometric motif.

- **Climbing the walls**—Wood flooring knows no bounds when it comes to embellishing a fireplace surround. Parquet squares are stained and installed like paneling to transform a bland wall into a stunning focal point of a room.

- **Setting the style**—An unfinished armoire originally purchased



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to reside in the bedroom is stained and finished and redirected to the kitchen or family room to hold everything from pantry staples to CDs and knickknacks.

- **Framing the bath**—A room with a new point of view is warm and inviting. Taking the chill out of a bath filled with tile and chrome makes all the difference. Oak planks, wainscoting and matching molding stained a rich warm chestnut are used to frame and trim a bathroom alcove. A durable protective finish makes the wood hold up to splashes and humidity.

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