

## Paint Perfection In Just A Weekend: Tips, Tools And Know-How Make Paint Projects Simple

(NAPSA)—On any given weekend in the U.S., thousands of people set out to accomplish home improvement projects. However, stumbling blocks such as color selection and knowing where to start can cause DIYers to delay starting their projects.

To make life easier, enhancements to True Value's Color Made Simple paint program help simplify the often-overwhelming process of selecting paint colors.

"Weekends are a great time to freshen up your home with paint," says Sloan Payne-Rutter, designer, paint expert, author and host of the public television series "Paint! Paint! Paint!" "Color Made Simple and True Value give DIYers the color selections, paint tools and advice they need to complete paint projects they can be proud of."

Payne-Rutter suggests the following weekend paint projects to bring a little color into your home:

### **Shabby Chic Antique:**

- **Project Idea:** Liven up your living room by "antiquing" a coffee table to give it the look of age. The antique look is accomplished with the application of a glaze that is usually earth-toned or darker in color.

- **Tip:** Use flat paint, which is more porous and absorbs glaze better.

### **You Light Up My Life:**

- **Project Idea:** Give your kitchen a quick face-lift this weekend without spending a lot of money. Brighten the entire room by simply painting dark cabinets a lighter color and updating cabinet hardware.

- **Tip:** The fumes from the paint and the primer can get intense, so make sure to open some windows or doors.

### **Quick Tips**

**Get Inspired.**—Create an "idea board" using favorite room shots from magazines, catalogues, fabric swatches and paint chips to draw inspiration, color ideas and a theme for your project.

**Confused With Color?**—Take a peek inside your closet and see what colors stand out in your clothing—these colors are likely those you naturally gravitate to, so you can feel comfortable using similar shades for paint projects!

**Avoid Paint-Splattered Hands.**—Apply a small amount of petroleum jelly to your hands before painting—this will make it easier to remove any paint from them when done.

**Make Pouring Paint Easy.**—Tear a paper cup in half (down the seam) and flatten it out; insert the flattened cup around the lip of the paint can for a quick and easy way to pour paint into a bucket or tray.

**Virtually Paint Your Walls!**—A new color visualization system, Color Inspirations Made Simple software (available at [TrueValuePaint.com](http://TrueValuePaint.com)), lets you virtually "paint" the walls and trim on digital photos of your own rooms to see how different combinations look before starting a project.



### **It's Faux Real:**

- **Project Idea:** Add some fun to a child's bedroom with a faux-finishing paint technique. Sponge painting is a quick and easy decorative painting style that's popular and perfect for beginners. Use a natural sponge as a paint applicator and two or three colors of paint to create a multicolored, textured effect.

- **Tip:** Use a clear commercial glaze and tint it with interior paint. Mix one part paint to four parts glaze.

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