



Do-It-Yourself Workshop

Work Wonders With Walls

(NAPSA)—If your walls could talk, they'd probably cry out for a makeover. Fortunately, do-it-yourselfers can open up a world of decorating possibilities by simply focusing attention on their walls—and the wonders of wood to transform them.

The latest issue of the *Easy Weekend Projects* booklet from Minwax® focuses on walls with practical, easy-to-do projects that can be completed in a weekend or two. From an attic/home office to a basement/playroom, do-it-yourselfers are inspired with unique solutions using wood paneling, molding, cabinets and trim. Once these ideas become reality, homeowners are encouraged to take advantage of a wide selection of Minwax wood stains and clear finishes to personalize their projects.

Five clever projects illustrate how rethinking your walls can yield surprising results:

Improving the View: Beyond fresh air and natural light, a beautiful window boosts a home's style. Today, windows can be transformed from dull to dramatic with simple, yet gorgeous ready-made moldings that you stain and finish yourself.

A Show of Warmth: Designers agree that a fireplace should warm up a room even when there isn't a flame. Luckily, "faceless" fireplaces can be easily transformed into stunning showpieces by using ready-to-install mantel and surround kits.

Paneling Makes Perfect: Once the design disaster of the '70s, paneling has come back to life in fabulous fashion. Because walls can suffer from the effects of time and wear and tear, paneling is a quick and stylish decorating solution with lasting appeal.



This free 12-page *Easy Weekend Projects* booklet can help homeowners do wonders with walls—over the course of a weekend.

Playing Down: Kids today have more stuff than storage, and as a result homes are being overtaken by toys, books and sporting equipment. Happily, it's a problem with a solution, as an ordinary basement can be converted into a kid-friendly, storage-minded area by the addition of unfinished oak modules and drawers that you stain, finish and stack to fit the space.

Cabinet-Level Decision: While most kitchen designs favor cabinets set in a row, a few small changes can turn a cabinet into a built-in hutch that really stands out as a focal point.

Do-it-yourselfers can pick up a free copy of the *Easy Weekend Projects* booklet at participating Minwax retailers, or visit www.minwax.com. To send for a booklet, write to Easy Weekend Projects Offer, P.O. Box 1211, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-1211.

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