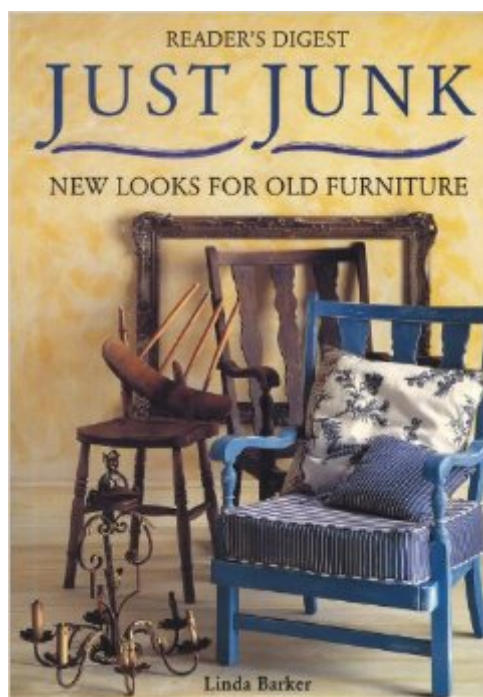


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# Just Junk: New Looks For Old Furniture



## Synopsis

This inspiring and practical book shows you how to transform secondhand finds into distinctive pieces of furniture to add a touch of style to any home. Techniques include stenciling, decoupage, gilding, mosaic, and a variety of paint effects. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## Customer Reviews

This was the first book my mother bought me on this subject, & it has become my bible! In fact, I've been trying to find comparable books for some fresh, new ideas, but all of the books I have purchased or been given since have fallen short! Barker starts out with an intro. section that tells you everything you need to know about stripping, painting, molding putty to replace broken details, reinforcing old chairs & drawers, filling handle holes, checking for pests, etc. It shows step by step pictures & has step by step instructions. This section is invaluable, & I refer to it time & time again. Although I would have to agree with the previous viewer about the "blues" of the chair & the "pickled sideboard," Barker does offer many wonderful ideas. I don't personally like all of her ideas, but I think that an important accomplishment this book has made is that she has refinished almost every piece with a different technique; thus, you have the information & knowledge available to you to use your own imagination & mix it up a little. For example, in her bedroom chapter, she shows a Formica topped cabinet that she refinished in a crackle pattern with decoupage fronts. I'm not into the crackle or the decoupage, BUT the actual paint finish was incredible! She stripped, sealed, primed, etc. Then, she used a pale yellow paint. After that, she rubbed the entire surface with an Artist's oil (burnt umber). It was a remarkable, "shabby" finish!! My hubby & I are now using this

basic combination to refinish a bargain, couch table we found..

Just Junk : New Looks for Old Furniture by Linda Barker (Introduction) Being a big fan of Changing Rooms, I am collecting books by the different decorators and Handy Andy. As usual, Linda Barker shows fabulous tips for turning old pieces of junk you may hanging around the house or find at flea markets. She shows you how to spruce them up and make them show pieces for your particular home. Her instructions were particularly helpful to this person who does not even know to paint. Sure, I wouldn't choose some of her color schemes but this was an especially helpful "how-to" and idea book, and I recommend it to all.

I have been searching for books that outline different painting techniques for YEARS. This book does a great job of showing exactly how to achieve different painted looks on different types of items. The directions are clear and really pretty basic. There are examples of decoupage, tiling and painting that are actually things we non-Martha Stewart types might be able to do! I bought this for a girl friend, and I'm ordering another one for myself.

Book was published in 1977 but many of the techniques still apply! Great book that offers basic techniques on repairs, how to buy & tools and materials needed for transforming old tired vintage furniture! This item was bought at full price & not a review item!

This book is Just Junk. I think I only liked like one item in this book. Buy another book instead. The items where plain, and the styles where out of date. I got it super cheap so I wasn't that upset, but still buy something else.

I liked this book mostly because it had some few interesting effects. . . but for the most part, I wish there had been more detail in the techniques, and fewer photos of 'projects.' So for that reason it gets 2 stars. Not horrible, but also not terribly useful.

This is a great book to have on hand, even if you aren't looking to repurpose anything specific, it makes for a very useful reference tool. I know that these days there are a lot of websites that provide similar ideas, but you need to know exactly what you are looking to do: this book is great to have on hand because it can give you insights on how to turn some of your own "junk" into something useful. It's also great to flip through before going to your local goodwill or flea market.

The fact that it is hardcover is a bonus, making it a good coffee table book as well.

This book is a good book for people who like things that really stand out. I was kinda disappointed in reading the instructions because they are kind of vague. Again, this is a good book for people who like furniture that is a conversation piece.

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