

DIY Workshop: Upcycled Decor for your Home

FAQs

I have never refinished anything before. Should I be nervous?

That's why you're here! The classroom environment is a relaxed setting, so there's no need to feel uncomfortable. Susan will provide instruction and tips for the techniques you will be learning. With Susan's assistance, you will practice the techniques on small samples before applying to your project.

Do I need to bring any supplies to class?

You may want to wear 'painting attire' and/or bring an apron or lab type jacket & gloves. The paints are all water based with low (or no) odour. You will be working with glues that may have some odour. If you wish to use a mask, please bring your own. All paints, brushes, sponges, rags, sandpaper and hand tools (such as wire brush, screwdriver, hammer) will be provided for your use at no extra cost. No power tools will be used in this class.

The instructor will provide items to create two small decor projects. There will be at least four ideas to choose from and Susan will have a completed sample of each one for you to see. This workshop is about upcycling & repurposing items to create a new decor item for your home or cottage. Items such as: picture frames, small sections of old windows (with glass or not), small shutters, small drawers, pieces of barn board, small sections of old chairs, spindles, wrought iron hooks, door knobs, hinges, old cutlery, fabric, lace, burlap, etc. The instructor will have a collection of items to embellish your projects with - however, you are encouraged to bring your own favourites such as: buttons, ribbon, costume jewelery, doilies, fabric floral buds, old books, sheet music, stencils, stamps, etc.

Will we come out of the class with a finished project?

The class will include some in-class time to review the fundamentals. You'll then tackle your project that day at the workshop. If you don't finish your project that afternoon, you'll walk away with the knowledge to complete the project. You will come out of the class with at least 2 small decor projects completed. If you bring a larger project idea, you may be able to finish it or at least have a good start on it and the know-how to continue and finish it at home.

Can I bring my own project idea?

You are welcome to bring a project idea of your own to class and may wish to consider a project for the holiday season. Some ideas include Paint, distress and embellish an old frame or window to use as a picture frame, chalk board, tack board or mirror. Use a part chair back, end from a crib or cradle, portion of a fence to turn it in to an item to hang on the wall. Paint & distress a small headboard or piece from a hutch to hang on the wall.

What is your refund policy?

Refunds will not be granted once the scheduled class takes place. A full refund minus a \$20 administrative fee will be issued if you register but need to withdraw before the course begins. You will receive a full refund if the College has to cancel the course.

About the Instructor

Susan Storie is a local entrepreneur who owns and operates the Mariposa Shoppe. Susan's home design and retail experience complements her academic background in interior design. Students soak in Susan's knowledge and she's great at encouraging dialogue in the classroom.

Course Details

**DIY Workshop: Upcycled
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Saturday, October 25, 2014
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Room 142

**The classroom is located in
the trades wing. Turn left
when you come into the
main foyer, walk through the
cafeteria and the classroom
will be on the right side.**