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Annie Sloan's Painted Kitchen: Paint Effect Transformations For Walls, Cupboards, And Furniture



Synopsis

Traditionally the center of the home, the kitchen is key to successful living. Decorator Annie Sloan, one of the world's leading experts on color and interior painting, has produced a range of stunning professional schemes to give the most popular room of the home an entirely new look with a minimum of effort and little expense. Using her unique expertise, she shows how to decorate every kitchen area - walls, cupboards, and surfaces - providing clear instructions and step-by-step color photography. Projects range from an exuberant Mexican-style blue-and-yellow color-washed kitchen to revamping a battered family table and chairs as Swedish-style lime-washed dining furniture. Annie Sloan's Painted Kitchen also reveals simple afternoon makeovers and ingenious finishing touches, such as painting cupboard knobs or the inside of kitchen drawers in a contrast color to the outside for a fun, fashionable finish. All the projects are suitable for beginners and many feature style variations for the more adventurous.

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Customer Reviews

Annie Sloan's Painted Kitchen is more of an eye-candy idea book than a how-to book. On the plus side ... Nice overview of various paint techniques and great inspirations for different types of kitchens. If you are already versed in faux finishes and custom painting techniques ... her instructions will convey the idea and you can use your existing skill-set. For example, I prefer milk paint to chalk paint so I mentally adjusted her instructions toward my favorite techniques as I read. If

you are a beginner ... the value of this book is eye-candy. You would need a different "how-to" book or a lot of experimentation for your learning curve. On the minus side ... Not surprisingly this book is biased toward Annie Sloan products and colors ... so if you use different products ... you will have to do some "mental editing" to make her instructions work with your preferred products. Although I appreciate this book is NOT a beginners "how-to" ... I was disappointed there wasn't more commentary about layering colors and the principles of choosing which colors to layer. Layering is such an important topic ... whether you are distressing, marbling, color washing, dragging, etc. Painted Kitchen only has examples like: Pink color washing TraLa! Bleu dragging TraLa! White and grey Voila! NOTHING about how WE might choose the right colors to layer in our own kitchen projects. By osmosis and common sense ... I "kind-of" got that one might use the wall color or back-splash as a base color in a layered-effect cabinet. But this is never plainly stated ... nor is there any discussion about when or why to use dark over light vs. light over dark, contrast vs. analogous, or any of the other "advanced" questions I have about layering paint.

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