



3 DIY Finishes Anyone Can Do At Home

(Even if you're a beginner!)

Simple, beautiful techniques to transform everyday pieces.
No experience needed.





If you've ever wanted to try DIY finishes but didn't know where to start, this guide will show you three beginner-friendly techniques you can try at home.

No complicated tools or experience needed—just simple methods that create beautiful results.

Let's create something beautiful together.

— Deanna



Textured Wall Art: Modern & High-End Look

Create modern, high-end wall art using simple materials. Some you might already have at home!

Start here: Choose your style — use a coloured background and tinted texture mediums for a bold, eye-catching piece, or stick with whites and neutrals for a clean, minimalist look. It's up to you!

What You Need:

- Canvas or Hardboard
- Texture Medium (Joint Compound, Drywall Mud, Thick Art Mediums)
- Spreading Tool (Putty Knife, Spatula, Rubber Spreader, Trowel)
- Optional: Coloured Mediums (Texture Pastes, Paints, Pastels)

1. Apply The Texture Medium

- Spread the textured product directly onto your canvas using a spreading tool.

2. Create Texture

- Use soft, sweeping motions to build texture.
- Don't overthink it. Organic imperfect patterns look best.

3. Let It Dry

- Allow each layer to fully dry before adding another.

4. Optional: Add Colour & More Texture

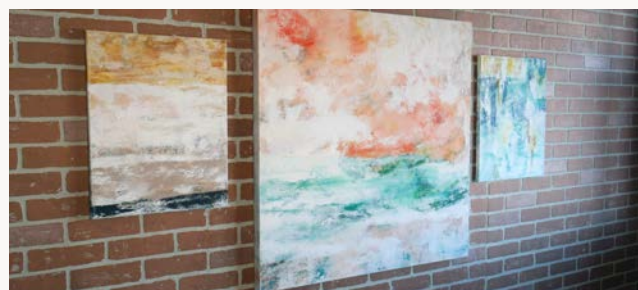
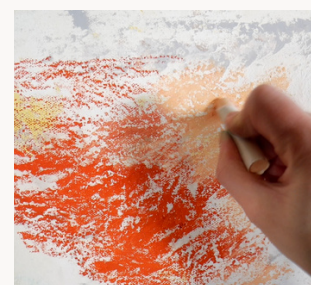
- Add areas of colour with paint or pastels.
- Add another layer of texture if desired.
- Continue to layer until you love the look.

The Result:

- A textured art piece that looks high-end and custom—perfect for modern home decor.

Want to see exactly how this comes together?

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Chalk Paint Furniture: Easy & Beginner Friendly

Give old furniture a fresh, modern look with minimal prep.

Start here: Choose your finish — smooth and clean for a modern look, or slightly distressed for a more rustic feel.

What You Need:

- Degreasing Cleaner (TSP, Simple Green, Krud Kutter)
- Chalk paint
- Paintbrush
- Topcoat or Wax

1. Clean Your Piece

- Clean your furniture thoroughly with a degreaser.

2. Apply Your First Coat

- Paint directly onto the surface — no sanding or priming needed.
- Smooth or textured, it's up to you!

3. Add A Second Coat

- Once dry, apply another coat for full, even coverage.

4. Optional: Distress

- Lightly sand edges or areas that would naturally wear for a vintage look.

5. Seal The Finish

- Use wax or a topcoat to protect your piece and enhance durability.

The Result

- A smooth, matte finish that transforms outdated furniture into a clean, modern or vintage-style piece.

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Gold Leaf Decor: Elevated & Luxe Finish

Add a high-end, metallic touch to any piece with this simple gold leaf technique.

Start here: Decide where you want to highlight — subtle details for elegance or bold areas for a statement piece.

What You Need:

- Metallic Leaf Sheets (I like Imitation Gold Leaf)
- Adhesive (It's called "Size")
- Soft Brush or Cotton Cloth
- Optional: Sealer

1. Apply Adhesive

- Brush adhesive onto the areas where you want the gold leaf to stick.
- Some surfaces may need a primer.

2. Let It Get Tacky

- Wait until the adhesive "dries." It will be tacky when dry, but not wet.
- It will change from white to clear when ready.

3. Apply Metallic Leaf Sheets

- Gently place the gold leaf onto the surface and press lightly.
- Cover all the tacky adhesive.

4. Brush Away Excess

- Use a soft brush or soft cotton cloth to remove extra flakes and refine the finish.

5. Optional: Seal

- Apply a sealer to protect the finish and add durability.

The Result

- A luxury, metallic accent that instantly elevates simple decor pieces.

Want to see exactly how this comes together?

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You don't need to be an expert to create something beautiful.

Start where you are, use what you have, and don't overthink it. These finishes are meant to be simple, creative, and completely your own.

The more you experiment, the more your style will come through — and that's where the magic happens.



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