

HOME DECOR & MORE



Colour a New Home Décor with a Fresh Coat of Paint



Black Dog Salvage Patinio Greenio Furniture Paint gives new character to this hall tree bench.

Today's paint products offer homeowners the flexibility to easily change the look and "feel" of a room — or a houseful of rooms, including walls, cabinets, furniture, accessories and trim items — by changing the color of a painted surface or adding paint to achieve a decorative effect.

Woodcraft has all the paints and related accessories and supplies to "recolor" your home. Woodcraft introduced Black Dog Salvage Furniture Paint to its line of fine finishes in spring of 2016, giving customers a product developed specifically for use with furniture that is custom-built in the Black Dog Salvage shop, as well as accessories that might once have been part of an historic structure. Using Black Dog, a pure black, and Clean Canvas, a pure white, homeowners can create an unlimited number of shades that can be mixed using 13 additional colors with whimsical names like Caution: Dogs at Work (orange). The water-based ultra matte chalky finish interior paint is easy to use, self-leveling and low-VOC, and it covers in one coat. It can be used on finished and unfinished surfaces like furniture, woodwork, metal, glass and

more and does not require priming. The companion Black Dog Salvage Guard Dog Topcoat Paint Protector is tough enough for floors and can be used for all types of indoor projects, such as cabinets, countertops, furniture, and decorative items.

Additional paint options

General Finishes Milk Paint is a high-tech, water-based acrylic paint for interior and exterior use that is available in more than two dozen colors, ranging from Dark Chocolate to Tuscan Red. It is easy to apply, durable and simple to repair and can be mixed to create new colors or combined with General Finishes water-based glazes and stains to create custom paints and decorative effects such as distressing, antiquing and color washing.

Rust-Oleum® Chalked Paint is a water-based, ultra-matte finish for interior applications that can be used alone as a simple covering paint or to achieve decorative effects such as distressing or dry brushing to give any project a one-of-a-kind look with a vintage feel. It applies easily with brush or roller; spraying is not recommended.

If using an interior paint for exterior projects such as doors, shutters, or porches, an exterior topcoat will need to be added for protection from the elements.

General Finishes Exterior 450 is fortified with UV absorbers to minimize fading and built-in mildewcides to help retard the growth of mold and fungus. Plus, Exterior 450 is fast, as it's ready to sand in just one hour in ideal conditions.

CrystaLac Exterior Finish is a water-based, flexible, UV-stabilized, waterproof, clear topcoat for exterior furniture, doors and crafts. For best results, apply when temperature is between 60°F and 80°F. This paint dries to the touch in about 15 minutes, but wait two to four hours to recoat.

Handy helpers for painting

- Wagner Home Décor Paint Sprayer. This is a great first-step product for those new to HVLP spraying. It is easy to use and sprays milk paint, stains, sealers and lacquers. Check your paint manufacturer's directions for use in sprayers.

- The versatile Vika TwoFold™ is configured for use as a 21.7"-high scaffold or a workbench that is 47.6" long X 18.7" deep X 31.8" high with a tool tray, drilling hole, protractor and ruler inscribed into the MDF work surface.

- QuikBENCH™ Portable Workbench is a lightweight, easy-to-set-up portable workbench with a 30" x 24" work surface that is 32" high and capable of holding up to 300 lbs. Convert two QuikBENCHES™ to sawhorses, and together they can hold up to 2,000 lbs.

- Painter's Pyramids, New and Improved 10-pack allows homeowners to paint, flip and paint without having to wait for the first side to dry. Pyramids now include tabs and slots on the bases so they can be screwed down to make permanent finishing platforms or joined together to create more stable temporary applications.

Colchester Arenas Uniting Forces; ice time can be booked on-line

The West Colchester United Arena, Debert; Don Henderson Memorial Sportsplex, Brookfield and the North Shore Recreation Centre, Tatamagouche have recently joined forces to become the Colchester Recreation Facilities Association (CRFA) (www.colch-esterrfa.ca). Previously the facilities worked together as the Colchester Arenas Association, but the association was inactive. With a new name comes a new look, new website complete with online booking system, new programming, and exciting new event options.

In response to declining ice-hockey rentals, decreased usage, and the perceived lost relevance of rural arenas, an innovative approach to co-promote and work together to showcase the many and diverse offerings is at the forefront of the rebrand, as all involved strive to better their facilities and fully engage their communities.

One of the most exciting new changes coming out of the CRFA's joint efforts is the development of a new website, which includes an impressive and easy-to-use online booking system where users and community residents can hop on to see what time slots are available and book on the spot. "In today's online world, bringing rural arenas in-line with user friendly technology is crucial to their sustainability," says Craig Burgess, Manager of Recreation Services for Colchester County, "we are very excited about this new sense of cohesion and co-promotion opportunity."

In addition to making facilities, programs, and events more accessible to the surrounding communities, the CRFA members are asking all stakeholders, user groups and others to share thoughts regarding ideas or suggestions they have in terms of bettering their offerings, increasing usage and bringing new life into the facilities. "All three facilities also welcome any individuals who may be interested in becoming a Board Member, or who may wish to offer assistance as a volunteer, even if only once a year for a special event, for example," says Burgess, noting volunteer time is a precious commodity.

Where community engagement is an important piece of the puzzle and necessary in moving forward, Langille & Colburne, the local consulting company hired to facilitate the CRFA rebrand will be conducting informal community engagement sessions throughout the region in the coming weeks. Anyone with input is encouraged to contact tanya@morethanevents.ca.

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