

Chair Lift

The more you shop at Goodwill, the more bargains you will find. On a recent shopping expedition, I got this cute wooden bar stool. I immediately thought of half a dozen ways to make it more interesting, fun or funky. I created a simple seat cover today, but in the weeks to come, I will re-dress, re-do and re-decorate it several times over.



It's a functional, non-descript stool with white painted legs with a flat wood stain seat. Bland and boring, but it can reflect your "signature style" with a bit of fabric and trim.



You don't even have to go to a fabric store. Look at table linens, sheets and women's fashions at any Goodwill store. A colorful shirt or skirt can make a great seat cover.



I decided the flat seat just wasn't very comfortable so I topped it with fiber-fill. You can open up an old pillow and use the stuffing. Be sure to wrap it around the edges.



Cut the fabric 3" bigger than the seat. A staple gun will hold the fabric and batting in place. Make little gathers at the corners so it's nice and neat.



I found some embroidered trim that matched and glued it to the edge. No sewing necessary.



In no time at all you can have a custom stool that goes with your kitchen or rec room décor.

The best part is you can always replace the fabric with a different color or pattern. Stayed tuned, next time I might get creative with paint...

