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# Refocus, Redesign & Repurpose

Learn how to rescue old pieces and **take your décor to new heights.**

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DOES YOUR KITCHEN NEED A FACELIFT? ARE YOU EAGER TO spruce up your bedroom? Sometimes what you need to salvage tired rooms is already in your home.

Joanne Palmisano's second book, *Salvage Secrets Design & Décor*, helps readers refocus, redesign and repurpose by exploring the concept of recycling small things in a big-picture design scheme. Joanne describes how to breathe new life into items you already have simply by reframing them in a new context. A homeowner might choose to reuse old fixtures from the original kitchen in a new design. A basket originally meant to hold laundry might work perfectly as a side table. An old mirror, when framed in salvaged wood, might now be the focal point of a room. The possibilities are endless.

Joanne takes readers through a tour of inspirational spaces where rescues abound and that prove that new isn't always better. Then a do-it-yourself section and more than 350 photos will help you take ideas and make them realities. Hang on to old treasures and keep an eye out for secondhand goodies. Joanne Palmisano's passionate descriptions and ideas salvage what you already have, and you'll discover designs that are both smart and stylish.

"The intrinsic value, the history and the depth of character of salvage pieces are hard to find elsewhere," Joanne says. The key is knowing how to spot these gems, and this book, full of ideas and tips on how to find and use old materials, can help anyone get started salvaging.

**Before you completely gut your kitchen, think about resurfacing or repainting the cabinets. Some new lighting and resurfaced cabinetry is all this kitchen needed to look fresh again.**

"I CONSIDER SALVAGE ANYTHING THAT IS SECONDHAND: RECYCLED, RECLAIMED, REPURPOSED, VINTAGE, ANTIQUE, EVEN 'JUNK.' IF IT'S GIVEN A CHANCE AT A SECOND LIFE, IT IS ALL SALVAGE TO ME."

—JOANNE PALMISANO

**Yes, it's true!** This homeowner turned her laundry closet into a cozy extra bedroom. Repainted floorboards, now a peaceful ocean blue, counteract the brightness of the bed, and salvaged bi-fold doors frame the little room.



Repurpose old shoe racks or industrial shelving in your kitchen as an open pantry. Being able to see through to the wall behind gives small spaces an airy feel. In this photo, the homeowner used metal and wicker baskets, glass jars and ceramic pots to create a French countryside look.



## 5 TIPS FOR SALVAGING YOUR HOME

**1. PLAN IT OUT.** Before refinishing, repainting or redoing any piece, have a clear plan and vision for what you want the end product to be. Choosing the right materials is very important.

**2. USE SALVAGED WOOD.** There are so many different ways to refinish these pieces, and often they are much better quality than new wood.

**3. ASK QUESTIONS.** Most salvage shops know who works with their materials. Get ideas and recommendations from them.

**4. LOOK ONLINE.** Check sites like craigslist.org regularly. Often people post leftover materials from their own redesigns; this means great quality at lower prices.

**5. START YOUR COLLECTION!** The good stuff at recycling centers and salvage shops does not last long. So start now and get it while you can. Build up your collection before planning a new design.



Find items that will be focal points in your design. They will set the tone for the rest of the room. In this kitchen, the vintage sink takes center stage and imbues the room with a nostalgic vibe.