

Before & After: Sarah's Striped Dresser

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Today's first before & after comes from Sarah of [Trevi Vintage Design](#). After picking up a sad little white dresser at Goodwill and decided to save it from its chipped-paint and missing-knob existence. After sanding down the entire piece (using an orbital sander) to expose the natural wood, Sarah stained the drawer fronts with Minwax Poly Shades in Bombay Mahogany Gloss and primed the rest of the dresser with a shellac-based primer (B-I-N Brand). With the help of some painters tape, she painted the colorful stripes around the entire piece, sanding between each coat. To keep the final look neutral, Sarah used 1.25 Inch Rowland Cabinet Knobs (only 98 cents each at Home Depot!) and stained them with the same Bombay Mahogany Gloss. Last but not least, she added tapered legs (purchased on eBay) and stained them to match the rest of the piece. I love the finished result and think it's definitely a far cry from the sad little white piece sitting alone at the Goodwill. Great job, Sarah! *xo, grace*

**P.S.: It turns out Sarah's talented sister [Diana was on D*S](#) back in 2007! This family has some talented women.*



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