

“This is the cool place!”

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A woman exclaimed that as she approached my booth yesterday at the Rose Bowl. AND she actually proceeded to buy something.

I’ve discovered that exclamations of “OH MY GOD I LOVE THIS!!!!” do not necessarily lead to purchases. Last year a woman stopped dead in her tracks, and shouted (like at the top of her lungs) “I’VE GOT TO HAVE THAT!!!!” when looking at one my clocks. Then there was a brief pause while I, and pretty much everyone nearby, stopped and waited. Aaaand then she walked on.

Now I realize that I don’t actually purchase everything I think is cool. But I’m kind of a quiet person by nature so if something grabbed me so much that I reacted to it like I was having a heart attack and it was a nitroglycerin tablet I’d probably fork over the money. But that’s just me.

Anyway, the weather was beyond beautiful yesterday (sorry east coasters) - 70s, sunny with a light breeze. Sales were good, although my “oh this is so cool/but I’m not buying it” rate was better. I think people were suffering with that post-Christmas “good lord what did I do!?” hangover.

The big eye catcher was my new dresser that I hinted at on Saturday.

I’d had this dresser sitting around and was waiting for inspiration to strike. And it struck big time when I saw this [blog post](#) from the very talented Lauren and Nick of [Lindaure Designs](#) (the link is for their excellent tutorial).

Isn’t that beyond cool?! The minute I saw it I couldn’t wait to get started.

Mine’s a little different – different city, different layout but I was pleased with the final result.





(and I just realized when I posted this that I not only stole their dresser idea I even stole the fan they put on top of it! Shall we just chalk the whole thing up to “sincerest form of flattery” and move on? I think we shall. Oops!)

The dresser got the most “oh that’s cool/wander away” action but I kind of expected that. It’s a very specific person who’s going to want to own it so it’s OK.

I did manage to get away from the booth to hang out for a bit with my friend Nicki of Nicki Huard Creations. Her booth was busier than mine. Crazy busy. Too busy..... I think I like her less now....

However, despite liking her less, I have to show you these nifty teapot lamps she makes.

And she has promised to teach me how she does her stenciling (she has secrets!) because look at these boxes!

Look at how clean those lines are! You may be thinking “uhhh, David, it’s a stencil.” But this is rough wood so to get that kind of sharpness takes some skills and I want to acquire them!

Today I started to tackle the garage as phase one of my war on disorganization! If you don’t hear from me again I probably dropped something on myself.