

Before & After: Dresser Makeover using Fabric, Shoe Leather and Concrete

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I never get tired of a good dresser makeover. It's one of those things that I hate to spend money on, considering how many lonely dressers are lurking around the corners of thrift stores, just waiting for a good home. This particular piece was made over by designer [Aleksandra Mierzwa](#), and if you look closely, you can really get a sense of all the work she put into this project. After painting the entire dresser, she covered the drawers in canvas and then stuck foil scales to the outside, adding additional painted detailing. The handles were made from an old pair of white leather shoes and then the whole piece was topped with a concrete counter top. Pretty fantastic. (More details on the project are [here](#)). -Amy

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After removing the hardware and cleaning the dresser with a wet cloth, Aleksandra Mierzwa used a medium grit sandpaper to rough up the surface before painting. Using a roller, she painted the dresser with a white oil paint. When the paint was still slightly sticky, Aleksandra placed a gray canvas over the drawers and then pulled the sides of the canvas around to the inside of the doors, fixing the fabric in place with universal glue and a staple gun. Next, Aleksandra made her own vector drawing of scales and then used a cutting machine to cut the shapes out of a self-adhesive foil. She stuck the scales on the drawers and then added some additional paint details. To create the handles, Aleksandra cut up a scale shape from a pair of old white leather shoes and fixed the new handle onto the door with a staple. The finishing touch was a concrete counter top that Aleksandra had custom ordered for the dresser.

