

Do-it-Yourself Workshop

Creating Warmth With Wood

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(NAPSA)—If you're looking for ways to add warmth and beauty to your home, think "wood." Whether it's a gleaming hardwood floor in a dining room, a soaring paneled ceiling in a den or a rough-hewn mantel in a family room, rich, lustrous wood brings out the character in any room. What's more, hammering out the details of woodworking and wood finishing projects is easier than you might expect.



There's a wealth of information available for do-it-yourselfers, including a free magazine called *Wood Beautiful*®. Presented by Minwax®, this year's 10th anniversary issue is full of tips, ideas and information to inspire and encourage do-it-yourself woodworking enthusiasts and home decorators. Highlights from this edition include:

- **Cooking with Color**—Give your kitchen a personality boost by staining a classic hutch and wooden stools in a vibrant color.

- **From Junk to Jewels**—From the junk yard to the dining room and beyond, you can make the past complement the present with creative furniture projects. Try combining salvaged wrought iron pieces and beveled wood boards to create a dining room server and foyer table.

- **Diamond Delight**—Going beyond the basic inexpensively transforms a timeworn oak floor in a front hall. Just stain in contrasting wood-tones to create a diamond-pattern effect. The result: a stunning foyer that's warm and welcoming.



Woodworking expert Bruce Johnson offers tips on beautifying your home.

- **Splashes of Style**—A simple makeover—incorporating wood paneling, colorful stains and a few accent pieces—can result in a bathroom for kids that is versatile enough to grow with them.

You can obtain a free copy of *Wood Beautiful* by stopping by a participating Minwax retailer, visiting minwax.com or by writing to Wood Beautiful Offer, P.O. Box 2027, Grand Rapids, MN 55745-2027.

- *Bruce Johnson is a noted author, craftsman and expert on wood finishing and antiques restoration. Through his many books, magazine articles and television appearances, Bruce has introduced millions of do-it-yourselfers, craftspeople and antique collectors to the rewarding world of wood finishing. He is also the national spokesperson for Minwax.*