

Cabinet Session

Rach's design buddy **Evette Rios** spruces up old cupboards on the cheap.

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the OWNERS

Marty Kroll and
Heather O'Brien



BEFORE



ITEM	PRICE
paint	\$23.98
sandpaper	\$0.85
wood putty	\$4.99
knobs & pulls	\$62.40
wire shelves	\$18.94
shelf liner	\$24.00
TOTAL:	\$135.16
For paint colors and other details, visit rachaelraymag.com/kitchenfix .	

AFTER



New cabinets are the most expensive part of any kitchen makeover, but all it takes is a little elbow grease and some inexpensive supplies to make old ones look like new. Evette Rios, our kitchen makeover artist, enlisted homeowners Heather O'Brien and Marty Kroll to help her sand, paint and reorganize, and in just one weekend the couple turned their tired, old shelves around. The job was so easy that Heather and Marty still had energy for one more weekend project: creating extra storage. Check in next month to see their finished kitchen!

TURN TO SEE WEEKEND TWO HOW-TOS ➔



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WEEKEND ONE

Brighten dark brick and paint walls.

WEEKEND TWO

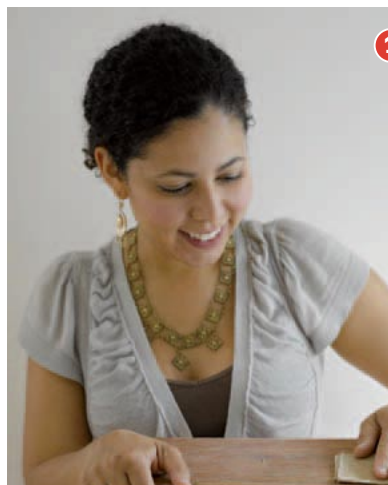
Give dated cabinets a facelift.

WEEKEND THREE

Create storage space and clear counters.

EVETTE'S HOUSECALL

The worn wood cabinets made Heather and Marty's kitchen look sad and neglected—but I had an no-fail plan to take the doors from drab to fab.



1 SAND AND PRIME

After removing old hardware, gently sand the wood, then brush with a dry paintbrush and wipe with a damp cloth. Apply a coat of primer and dry overnight.



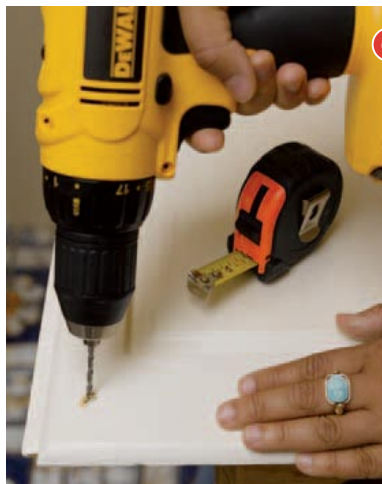
2 PATCH

Mask old screw holes, dents and nicks with nude wood putty, using a little at a time.



3 SAND AND PAINT

Allow putty to dry completely, then sand. Gently clean the entire surface with a damp cloth and paint with durable semigloss paint. Dry overnight.



4 DRILL

Measure and mark the location of the new knob. Then, working from the front of the door to the back, drill screw-size holes through the wood.



5 SCREW

Using a screwdriver, install the new hinges and knobs in the mounting holes. Give the knob a tug to make sure the attachment isn't loose.



6 REATTACH

Screw the refinished doors back into the frames; use a carpenter's level to make sure all the panels are straight.

CHEAP FIX

No need to sand and paint old shelves: Just cover them with a shelf liner. **\$6 per sheet** containerstore.com



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