

9 Pieces Of Designer Advice On Interiors

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Is re-upholstering worth the money? “A Reupholstering is expensive, but if the piece of furniture is well made, then it can be worth doing. I know someone who has had the same sofa for 40 years and has reupholstered it three times during that lifespan. It’s costly because the process doesn’t only involve changing the outer fabric; the upholsterer also has to tighten the frame and change the springs, padding and cushion inserts as needed. What you end up with is essentially a new piece, and in some cases, this could still cost less than buying brand-new. If you’re unsure whether your piece is in good enough condition, ask for your upholsterer’s opinion and weigh the benefits of reupholstering versus buying new. If your sofa wasn’t high-quality to begin with, there’s no sense in throwing good money after bad.” Designer [Cameron Macneil](#)

Color, Where is the best place to use it? “Color is best used in small spaces that you pass through. A dramatic

color in a room where you're going to be spending a lot of time might feel too heavy or dark, but if you **use it in a foyer or pantry, it makes the whole house feel colorful** It also makes the house feel bigger, because it turns a space you might not notice into one that catches your attention." *John Barman*

Don't Be Afraid Of Having Too Many Chairs -"Today everyone likes rooms sparse, but for a **living room, you need the sorts of chairs people can pull up together**, so that they want to come into the room and sit down and chat." *Paula Perlini*

Showcase Your Favorite Finds "A photographer I worked with taught me the **importance of the axial view**. When you're looking down a corridor, you want a **wonderful object at the end of it to draw you forward**—a sculpture, a chandelier, anything to define the space and pull you in." *Nancy Braithwaite*

When Renovating or Building -"Spend the money to **make openings between rooms as high as possible** — anything to get away from the standard, squat 7-foot-tall door. It really creates a sense of openness, lightness, and grandeur in a space." *Suzanne Lovell*

Outdoor porch curtains? Special material needed? I also love the look of drape panels on a porch — they're perfect for privacy and blocking out the sun, and I find they have a certain romance to them. A lot of people use inexpensive ready-made cotton drapes, usually with a grommet or tab-style heading. These work fine, but can easily get stained or fade from exposure to sunlight. I've seen more and more outdoor drapes made of acrylic or polyester recently. They're softer than the materials used for awnings, but are still stain- and mildew-resistant and won't fade. I've kept mine up through the winter without any problems. West Elm has woven-polyester grommetted outdoor drapes in solid white or flax, either of which would look quite dreamy on a veranda. Treated outdoor drapery rods are available, but I've simply used a black indoor one. You may have to touch it up with spray paint if any rust appears, which is easy enough to do. Install the rod so that the panels hang about 1 and a half off the porch floor to prevent the hem from getting dirty" *Designer Cameron MacNeil*

Breaking Up Sets Of Furniture – One thing you will never see in a Nate Berkus interior? "You'll never see a set of furniture. Ever. I think we can all do better than that. I know instant interiors are tempting, but it goes against my entire philosophy: that a room should evolve over time, and a good interior is assembled and feels layered and collected. I have no problem with clients who buy sets of furniture, but I will always break them up: use them in different rooms, paint or refinish some pieces or add different tops. Put a nightstand in the family room as a side table, or try a dresser as a serving piece in a dining room. I think that if you use a little creativity your home can feel much more personal. *Designer Nate Berkus*

What furniture piece always looks more expensive than it is? – "A classic Parsons table is pretty universal. You can dress it up with a pair of lamps or drape it. It can be used as a desk, sideboard, entry table or nightstand. Those are the kind of things you don't have to spend a lot of money on" *Designer Nate Berkus*

Knowing Where The Fine Line Is "One of my mentors always said, '**Just because you can doesn't mean you should**. Great projects are the ones that show a little restraint". *Heather Hilliard*



Espalier wallpaper from Pierre Frey

Antique HIGH-CHAIR which turns into PLAY TABLE
Cour De Alene Craigslist

Child's Painted Desk Birmingham AL Craigslist





Antique Tea Box – \$40 (Berkeley) Denver



Child's Painted Desk Birmingham AL Craigslist



Antique Metal Trunk Moses Lake Craigslist



Painted Chest – \$195 (City View Antique Mall) Dallas



French Cabinet \$425 Great Gatsby's Auction Gallery Atlanta

5180 Peachtree Industrial Blvd.
Atlanta, GA 30366



French Style Painted Console – \$295 Great Gatsby's Auction Gallery Atlanta

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Vintage Farmhouse Cabinet – \$200 Cour De Alene Craigslist



Antique Mission Oak Bookcase painted white – \$200 (South Coast) Boston



Salvaged Fireplace Mantel Seen On Birmingham Al [Craigslist](#)

“Salvaged from a Moore County, TN farmhouse built in the late 1800s, the natural patina only enhances the

craftsmanship of this handmade fireplace mantle. The neutral tones of the original painted finish and glimpses of bare wood in this timeworn architectural antique would make it an irreplaceable focal point in any home's neutral design pallet"



Shabby Chic French Country Distressed Library Table Sofa Table – \$125 (Woodstock) [Atlanta Craigslist](#)

"Painted w/Americana Decor Paint, Undercoat Vintage w/2 Coats of Antique Lace"





Vintage French Provincial Sofa, Seen on the Atlanta's Craigslist. Unknown Price.

See the before pictures [here](#)

Plagiarized By Bradley



Rare Postal Cubby Sorter—vintage – \$700 (st charles) Chicago Craigslist



Old Drop Leaf Farm Table, Painted Red, vpa – \$20 (Island Lake) Chicago



Primitive Folk Art Shoe Display – \$525 (Culver City) Los Angeles



Antique red painted cradle – \$100 (Lincoln) Boston



Country style pie safe – \$90 Dallas



Vintage Long Console Farm Table – \$650 (Spokane Craigslist)



Antique Wheaton College Auditorium Chairs – \$75 (Wheaton) Chicago



Antique Jenny Lind pull-out Day Bed – \$125 (Island Lake) Chicago



ANTIQUE VINTAGE WOOD FURNITURE TABLE!! (BATAVIA) Round decorative side table. Top has leather inlay. Table has one drawer and one pull out tray. Piece has paint marks on top along with other minor wear and tear. Overall very nice/unique piece. Asking \$85. Chicago Area



Antique white oak bench – \$650 (Brookfield) Chicago



Vintage Hand Finished French Country Armoire Cabinet – \$600 (Peachtree City) Craigslist

“Lovely French country cabinet. It is painted a light gray with white distressing, a light blue interior of the open shelving, with glass window sides. There is a gilded, carved shell at top with two doors on the bottom with two interior shelves. Atlanta area”



Three Drawer Chest – \$295 (Lucas Street Antiques, Dallas)



Vintage Wood Dresser – \$125 (Santa Monica)

“Gorgeous Italian painted Rhineback Fair New York dresser. Vintage from 1910, a repainted antique.”



Nightstand / Vintage / Shabby Chic – \$125 (camarillo) Los Angeles



Carribean Textured Sand Wood Table – \$22 (Oaklawn) Refinished in textured carribean sand. Made from antique sewing machine table. Chicago



2 shabby chic distressed folding sides – \$95 For Both (carrollton) Dallas



Pretty Painted Desk – \$295 (Lucas Street Antiques, Dallas)



Distressed side table/nightstand – \$75 (Highland Village)

English Two Over Three Drawer Painted Chest – \$1495 (Antique Row, Dallas)



Antique/Vintage Baby Carriage Buggy Wooden/Wood – \$60 Las Vegas



Industrial chic brass bed – \$275 (416 ridge rd wilmette) Chicago

ANTIQUE FARM TABLE -all original tongue and groove top – \$100 (Palatine) top measures 6ft x 3ft Chicago



Vintage Folk Art Wooden Monkey Sign from Circus – \$649 (Atwater) Las Vegas



Antique Farm Table with Inset Drawers – Reduced Price! – \$599 (Boulder/Longmont) Denver



2 vintage hand crafted solid knotty pine side tables – \$199 Chicago



Chest of Drawers / Dresser Cottage/Farm Style (McKinney) Dallas



Shabby Chic Chest of Drawers – \$395 (Lucas Street Antiques, Dallas)



Table w/cabriolet legs – \$100 (Geneva) Chicago



Beautiful antique leopard print chair – \$50 (Norcross)



*STORAGE, Old Box, Dark Antique Brass Hardware – \$110 (Lake Forest Antique Show/9/07) 95 W. Deerpath Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045
<http://lakeforestantiquesale.com/>*



French style chinoiserie hand painted 2 drawer cabinet – \$350 (3115 W Irving Park Rd.) Chicago



Antique doll in her chair – \$250 (Littleton Colorado)



Coral French Provincial Dresser – \$495 (Santa Ana)

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Lot of Vintage Maps – \$600 (Westminster)

"I have for sale a large quantity of US Department of the Interior Geological Survey maps. These maps measure 27 1/2" x 22" and range from around 1942 until about 1964. The first map being Allens Park and the last being Workman Creek. I am asking \$600 Cash Only for all figuring \$2.00 per map which will actually be cheaper since there are more than 300 maps. You must take all -" [Denver Craigslist](#)



Painted 1920-30s Rustic Chic Dresser (Claremont) Las Vegas



Golden & Associates
Antiques

Pair of Regency Italian Painted and Gilt Dolphin Arm Chairs



Late 19th century [Chinoiserie Chest](#) of Drawers/Commode England, Late 19th century, Beautiful and unique color late 19th century chinoiserie commode with original decorations. 3 long drawers and two smaller top drawers.



Black Forest Cottage Chest of 3 Drawers – Painted Horn Handles Seller The Antiques Artisan Center



Stamped [Jansen Lounge](#)

