


# How To Paint Black Furniture-A Dozen Examples Of Exceptional Black Painted Furniture

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Black furniture has been one of the most popular furniture paint colors in history, and a close second is white. Today, no other color comes close to these two basic colors which always seem to be a public favorite.



No matter what the style is, black paint has been a fashionable choice for French furniture, and also for primitive early American, regency and modern furniture. While the color of the furniture is the same, the surrounds of these distinct styles are polar opposite requiring a different finish application.

Early American furniture is often shown with distressing around the edges. Wear and tear is found surrounding the feet of the furniture, and commonly in the areas around the handles, and corners of the cabinets or commodes. It is common to see undertones of a different shade of paint. Red, burnt orange are common colors seen under furniture pieces. Furniture made from different woods, are often painted a color similar to wood color to disguise the fact that it was made from various woods. Paint during this time was quite thin, making it easily naturally distressed over time.

– [Black-painted Queen Anne Tilt-top Birdcage Tea Table](#) \$3,000 Connecticut, early 18th century, early surface of black paint over earlier red

[Joseph Spinale Furniture](#) is one of the best examples to look at for painting ideas for early American furniture. This primitive farmhouse kitchen cupboard is heavily distressed with black paint. \$1,300

– [Black-painted Bamboo-turned Windsor Stool](#) - Early 19th century. Look at the paint wear on the seating. \$300-\$500

Hollywood Regency Furniture is known for their polished, lacquered paint finishes. Hollywood Regency furniture is rarely seen distressed, but rather created to present a high end look with gilt adornments, and polished painted surfaces. The look signals a feeling of glamour. Glossy black and high lacquer finishes should be sprayed on furniture rather than brushed or hand painted. Glossy finishes tend to show every paint stroke, which is something you want to avoid. The smoother the better.

– This [Hollywood Regency ottoman](#) is painted with satin black paint and accented with gilt furniture ormolu.

– This [Hollywood Regency console table](#) features a stunning black painted finish with gold accents.

– The Hollywood Regency Style - [Dorothy Draper Chest](#) has made a come back when it was featured on Sex And The City. It is featured in a black gloss, but also in other painted colors.

– Here we see another black and gold [Hollywood Regency Brandt Furniture](#) Console Server. The white marble top provides a great contrast against the black paint.

Finally with French furniture we see a mixture of different painting styles. Country French furniture was often seen with quite a bit of distressing. With these pieces you would see the black distressed paint finish showing the natural wood underneath. French Provincial pieces would feature brighter colors, while Louis XVI styled furniture is often

seen with darker colors. Today it is common to find antique dealers selling Louis XVI furniture with glossy black finishes and gilt details. In the flip side, Swedish furniture also uses this style but is commonly found with either gray, beige, or white paint.

-This [French black painted armoire](#) features a high gloss finish with gold accents.

-This [black painted French styled](#) chest also features a painted finish in black with gold details.

-Here is a [great example of a French](#) chest painted in black with no distressing. The overall look is very classy.

– This carved table is [painted black and accented](#) in gold details. This Lacquer table is decorated with carved shells on 2 sides with chioniserie style painting in gilt.

-Vintage [French Louis XVI style](#) round table painted black with brass plated trim and tapered fluted legs with brass caps. This table is in very good condition with some paint restoration. France circa 1950

-Spectacular vintage [French Louis XVI style ebonized desk](#) retaining its original tooled leather top, 5 beautifully hand-dovetailed drawers, fluted legs and original polished brass trimmings.

-Vintage [French Louis XVI style ebonized](#) mahogany 3 over 3 buffet with polished solid brass fittings and hardware. This magnificent buffet has a enduring, timeless quality, and a dignified, understated appearance.



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*Late 19th Century Louis XVI Style Black Painted and Parcel Gilt Bedstead with shaped head and footboard flanked by leaf carved colonettes ending in patera on turned feet and casters*

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*A period Directoire paint & gilt daybed with flared sides and decorative gilt accents in the Neoclassical style. Original paint and gilding [Charles Spada Antiques](#)*





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*A Louis XV Gilt Bronze Mounted Black Lacquer Chinoiserie Commode-* [Glen Dooley Antiques](#)





*French Black Lacquered Chinoiserie Marble Top Commode – Ceylon Et Cie*



*18th Century French Louis XV Black Lacquer Commode Bermingham and Co*



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*Ebonized Vintage French Directoire Style 4 Drawer over 4 door Buffet*

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*A chalkboard black-painted table, via [Concept2012](#).*



A black-painted desk at [Sleep in the City](#) in Antwerp.



*How to paint wood furniture with lacquer.*

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*Home of Mark d. Sikes*



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*Chinese export lacquer cabinet and stand of gilt gesso in the French style, English, 17th century (lacquer and gilt gesso) [www.bridgemanart.com](http://www.bridgemanart.com)*





*Antique French Desk Bureau Plat with Black Paint -Scandinavian Antiques*





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