

NEW LIFE LIVE EACH DAY INSPIRED!

As we're embarking on a huge life change, including moving from Arizona to Durango, Colorado, and building a new home, it was only fitting to shift the flavor of our home's interior to something fresh and brand new.

This Colorado Rocky Mountain high brought a sense of deep peace, which for me equated to a lighter pallet, natural elements, yet filled with lots of character. We parted with many things, which didn't come easy for me personally, but as life settled, I found this process to be profoundly healing. It was the closing of an chapter

One of the items that made the cut was an Eastlake dresser that I fell in love with and purchased at one of my favorite auction houses, for an unbeatable price! Its rich beautiful color was a perfect fit for the guest room at our [vineyard estate](#)*. This piece, along with a few of my other favorites, was stripped and bleached, creating that softer look I was after. I replaced the old wooden knobs (which were not original) with some beautiful Italian brass plate pulls. I love the soft romantic feel it has now! [*Have a look at our "Rustic Mountain Vineyard" project on the portfolio page](#)



Before and After



New drawer pulls

The other items that underwent a transformation were my Belter-style chair and mahogany desk, both from the 1870's -1890's. I was a bit hesitant to strip these items due to their value, but wanted to enjoy them in a new way. I replaced the formal green fabric on the chair with a cream-colored crewel and replaced the green felt on the desk with an ecru suede.



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The last item was our dining room table bench. I plan to use this in our future ski room since I have the perfect spot for it. Again, I had the dark stain stripped from the legs, revealing the raw wood, and replaced the brown leather with a light brindle cow hide. The hide was once used as a rug in our master bathroom. These are the times that repurposing becomes such a fun and creative process.



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So before you get rid of unwanted items, have a second look. It's amazing how a few changes can breathe new life into beloved pieces, creating a fresh and inviting atmosphere. I'm excited to see all these transformed pieces in our new home!

Drop us a note and say, "hello" ...
~Carrie-Anne Oliver



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