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Annie Sloan

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Jessica describes her old kitchen as, “Pretty hideous. It had black granite counters, brown wood cabinets, and ugly builder-grade floor tiles. In short, it needed help!” Her friend Arie, owner of Verdigreen, an upcycled vintage décor shop, and Annie Sloan Stockist in Montclair, New Jersey, promised her that Chalk Paint® would solve her problems. “Annie Sloan doesn’t have hundreds of colours – instead you’re encouraged to mix them together to create your own colours. It sounds scary, but it’s easy to do without them turning out drab or muddy.”

Jessica worked mostly in the evenings. “I did the cabinets in sections, when the kids had gone to bed.” After painting, she finished them with Clear Chalk Paint® Wax. “This part of the process is easy and kind of cathartic in a Karate Kid – wax on, wax off – sort of way!”
TOP “I couldn’t afford a large renovation, but I knew I couldn’t live with the kitchen the way it was, so it was time to get creative”
ABOVE "Tackling the project in small sections made it much more digestible. I did a bank of three upper cabinets at a time - taking the doors off and painting them on my dining table."

ABOVE "After painting the cabinets, the ugly floor just looked even uglier! I always love the look of patterned tiles, but that was a down-the-line investment. I made my own stencil and set to work using Chalk Paint® in Pure and Graphite, and then sealed it with Chalk Paint® Lacquer. It changed the look of the kitchen dramatically."

"I used Chalk Paint® in Pure for the top cabinets, but I wanted to change it up for the bottom ones so I mixed Provence and Château Grey - just go half of each to lighten the green and it ended up being the exact colour I wanted."

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