

# The Art of Faux Transforms Cabinetry

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## Kitchen Facelifts

While the economy is keeping them steadfast in their surroundings, homeowners' desire to update their kitchens never seems to wane. Kitchen cabinetry is receiving a dynamic faux facelift. "Faux finishing is transforming dated woods with contemporary and classic finishes with rich embellished options", says Faux Design Studio's Sheri Zeman.

## Contemporary Approaches

Walnut glazes and mahogany looks are just the beginning of what can now be achieved. "The flexibility offered by today's decorative finishes allows the artisan to create a sleek contemporary style or mirror a vintage look," says Sheri.

While faux has been a mainstay on walls, the transition to cabinetry and even countertops has come with new eco-friendly product developments.

## Today's Trends

Smokey and dark glazes top the list of today's most popular finishes and color hues. "The kitchen has always been the heart of the home," Sheri notes. "Cabinetry has evolved from matching woodwork to distinctive furniture pieces using a myriad of wood species. The warmth and depth of custom-designed faux finishes give this feel without new cabinets." Embellishments including custom insert designs can give kitchens a one-of-a-kind look reflecting the homeowner's style.



## Countertops

"With the popularity of granite, clients want the latest look without the cost of replacing counters," Sheri explains. New glazing products and techniques can give a dimensional look with the polish of granite.



## Furniture Embellishment

Antiqued applications and pattern inserts create a stunning focal point for wet bars and vanities. "Clients are looking for eclectic treatments and exotic looks," she says. Intricate crocodile designs create dynamic accents to furniture pieces or cabinet doors.

## Options and Costs

While the complexity of the finish dictates the price and time involved for the project, a complete kitchen can be renovated within two weeks. Paint and glaze are the least expensive makeover while the multilayered finishes reach a different price point.

## Extraordinary Results

New water-based products manufactured by Faux Effects International provide an ideal green solution to the toxic chemicals that had been essential to create these looks. "In the past, many clients did not want to deal with the mess and the fumes from a major kitchen remodel, Sheri comments. "Now they can get never-before-seen features that take a kitchen from ordinary to extraordinary."

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