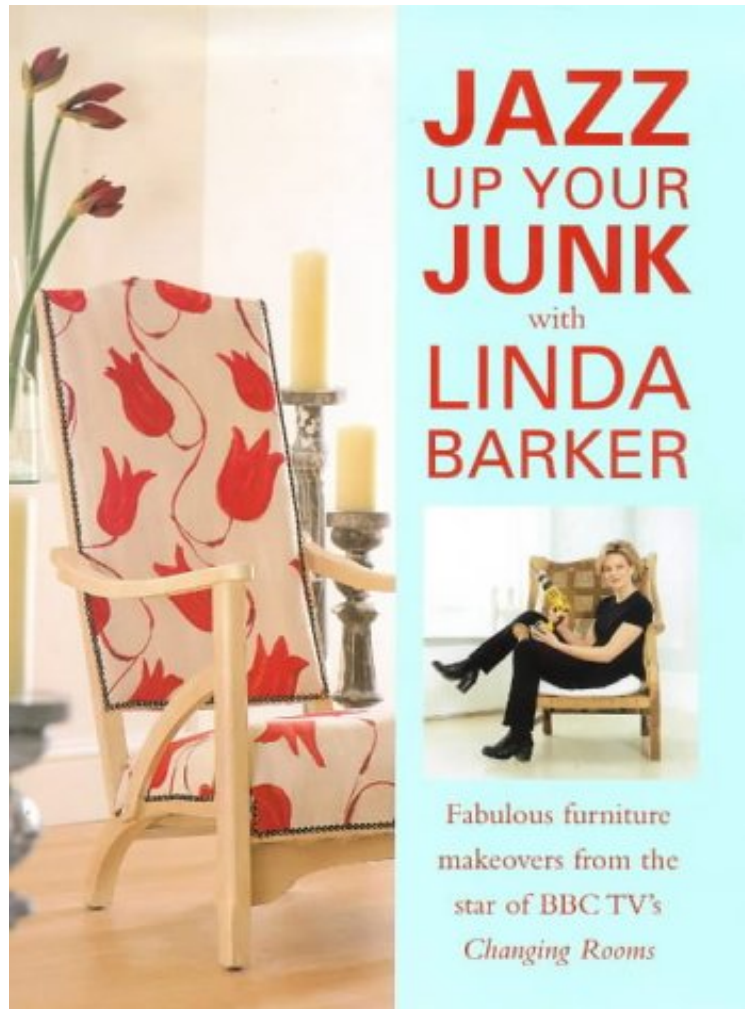


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Transform garage sale finds, family cast-offs, and other junk into uniquely personal decorative pieces. Let a notable interior design star teach you everything you need to turn trash into treasure. Full-color photographs detail every step of twenty fabulous projects that range in style from traditional country floral to contemporary chic. A battered floor lamp gets a new lease on life with fake silver gilding; a plain single bed becomes a young gifts fantasy mini four-poster; a dull, double-fronted wardrobe gets a face-lift to become a French-style armoire. Other projects include chairs, cupboards, tables, a writing desk, screen, footstool, washstand, and more. Many popular decorative techniques are used, such as gilding, mosaic, paint effects, stenciling, applique, and etching to create stunning effects on wood, glass, metal, and fabric. Home decorators will enjoy learning new craft skills, gaining creative inspiration, and ending up with fantastic furnishings for next to nothing! A Selection of BOMC's Country Book Club.

.com Junk abounds--some of us have basements and attics full of it, while others seek it out at flea markets and yard sales. The secret is determining which pieces have the potential to take on a new life, becoming decorative and useful items that lend character to a room. Linda Barker has a sure eye for recognizing the ugly duckling and bringing out its inner swan, with the help of paint, fabric, basic craft supplies, and occasionally some simple carpentry. In her book, *Jazz up Your Junk*, chairs, tables, armoires, and more are stenciled, decoupaged, glass-etched, and sometimes given minor surgery (nailing two side supports to the top of a sturdy coffee table, for instance, cleverly turns it into a vanity-table bench). Not every project is a stunning success (the floor lamp still looks dated despite its silver leaf; the punched tin seems out of place on the massive doors of the tallboy unit) but most are attractive. Best of all, Barker shows us the "before" pictures as well as the in-progress and "after" shots, and explains what attracted her to each piece, thus instructing readers on how to recognize a good piece of junk when you find it and how to approach its transformation. --Amy HandyFrom *Library Journal*This book contains projects for transforming cast-off, damaged furniture into beautiful, decorative pieces using wood cutwork, d'coupage, or detailed painting. Each project shows a before and an after photograph of the piece and contains clear, well-illustrated instructions. Although similar to the projects found in Sheila McGraw's *Painting Decorating Furniture* (LJ 1/98), Barker's projects are a bit simpler, which will make this book particularly appealing to beginners. A good purchase for public libraries. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.From *Booklist*Everyone, including the redoubtable Martha Stewart, is into junk. Whether it is stripping or touching up old varnish, decorators in the U.S. and Britain advise crafters to haunt all types of shops and garage sales for sturdy, nonvaluable merchandise to transform. And, of all the counselors, BBC-TV's Barker provides the best kind of do-it-yourself advice, beginning with lines and styles to look for and concluding with 20 start-to-finish projects. For each, she includes lists of materials and equipment, before and after illustrations, and step-by-step color photographs of various techniques, such as mosaics, tinwork, faux etching, applique, and decorative painting. A tired hassock becomes a saucy harlequin pouffe for feet, while a nondescript armoire is elevated to a gingham-colored kid's storage unit. Proof that "junque" is the same in any language, but design talent is not. Barbara Jacobs