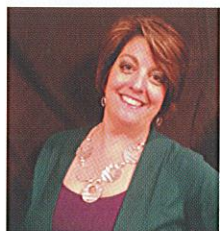


WingHaven resident Kim Whitt refinishes furniture pieces in both two-tones and monochromatic styles, custom blending her paint colors in her garage, adding black, grey, or white to the base color. Enthusiastically she states, "It's like an experiment!" New hardware makes for stunning final touches.



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KIMBERLY WHITT by Sarah Tipton

Taking Old Furniture From Drab-to-FAB

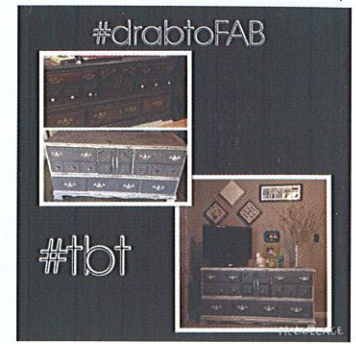
Necessity is the mother of invention...and sometimes spawns a wonderful business!

While expecting her fourth child, Kimberly Whitt refinished an existing claw-footed piece of furniture for their baby's room. She was so happy with it that next she refurbished a \$40 thrift store dresser for their family room that holds a TV and drawers full of toys. Kim had inspired residents of WingHaven for years with her out-of-the-box creativity with frames, canvases and home décor, so the transition to furniture was a natural.

Her talent for transforming furniture was soon noticed and friends started saying, "Do one for me!" Clients can buy their own pieces or adopt pieces Kim finds at estate sales, thrift stores, and Craig's List. Since becoming Facebook official in May, Kim's inventory has overtaken the family's two-car garage.

The first piece sold was to WingHaven's Farmer's Insurance Agent, Laura Fletcher, who bought it based on the (drab!) photo taken from the back of Kim's vehicle! Laura had seen Kim's work and had a vision for a unique buffet for her dining room. She is buying more pieces for her growing daughters, who will have some say in the design process.

No two pieces are alike. "I see the lines of the furniture and draw inspiration from them," says Kim. She is handy with power tools, repairing drawers, adding shelves and replacing legs. Drab-to-FAB remakes have included: dressers, vanities, chairs, headboards, side



tables and all kinds of tables, mirrors, and frames. "At any given time, I am searching for five different items for people."

She has some "scouts" keeping eyes peeled for desired pieces.

Kim and husband Jamie have four children: Brennan (15), Cameron (11), Declan (5), and Finley (4). Kim also teaches the Gifted Program at Immaculate Conception of Dardenne.

If you would like Kim to redefine some old furniture and take it from Drab-to-FAB for you, contact her today at: (636) 288-6683 or by email at Whitt4Kids@gmail.com. Or go to "@DrabtoFab1" on Twitter and "@redefined_drabtoFAB" on Instagram.



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