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Something different, restoring a milk box (Read 240 times)

 **Will Person**
Forum Administrator


Posts: 9673


 Something different, restoring a milk box
May 14th, 2012, 7:15pm

Well, ever since I bought my Griswold milk box in the fall of last year, I wanted to fix it up. So here it is getting naked and repainted. That paint was hard to get off. I was thinking it could be japanned by how hard it was. Didn't look bad when I got it, but the inside was mint with no rust, so I wanted to clean it up. Here it is.



 **Will Person**
Forum Administrator


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 Re: Something different, restoring a milk box
Reply #1 - May 14th, 2012, 7:15pm

Stripped of paint



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Reply #2 - May 14th, 2012, 7:15pm

Primed with self etching primer.



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Reply #3 - May 14th, 2012, 7:16pm

Wet sanded it so it would be smoother.



Will Person
Forum Administrator
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Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #4 - May 14th, 2012, 7:18pm

Getting shot in black tonight. But here is the next victim to be cleaned up. Also have a Griswold reflector stove tore apart too.....Too many things to do. But I have to keep going!!!!



Scott Sanders
Moderator
★★★★★

Posts: 1300

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #5 - May 14th, 2012, 7:45pm

Looks good Will.....post some pictures when you are finished painting it... 😊 Your next project looks like it will be a nice one also.

Scott

Chuck Rogers
WAGS member
★★★★★

Posts: 8632

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #6 - May 14th, 2012, 9:18pm

Lookin' good Will. Like Scott said, we want pics when it's done. I have a few more project than I care to remember, but once the Iron Room is done, I'll be a bit more motivated since I'll have a place to actually display some stuff.

How did you strip the milk box Will? I have a couple of pie ovens to refinish. Also, do you use a spray can, or do you have a paint gun set-up? I would have to have paint matched, and mixed for me at the local autobody shop in order to match the color of the pie ovens. They should have a system that will create a near perfect match.

Will Person
Forum Administrator
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Reply #7 - May 14th, 2012, 11:36pm

Well, here it is. Matched really good to the inside. I use what John Knapp told me to use. Dupli-color engine enamel Ford semi-gloss black... DE1635 Kinda hard to get a picture of it done. I didn't remove the dents that it has. It looks better now, I think.



Will Person
Forum Administrator
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Reply #8 - May 14th, 2012, 11:40pm

Chuck, I used stripper, but it really kinda didn't work. It would not remove the paint, but once I washed and dried the paint that would not remove, the paint curled off???? Kinda weird. Kinda like the paint get stressed and popped off. I used sandpaper to take it all down to metal. I used spray cans. Just nice gentle coats.

Sandy Glenn
Forum Administrator
WAGS member
★★★★★

Posts: 6499

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #9 - May 14th, 2012, 11:48pm

Looks awesome, Will. A labor of love for sure. 😊

Chuck Rogers
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #10 - May 14th, 2012, 11:59pm

Thank you Will. That piece looks great. Nice work. Now all I need to

do is find one for myself. 😞Keep up the good work Will. I like seein' um lookin good like that. 😊

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Will Person
Forum Administrator
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Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #11 - May 15th, 2012, 12:01am
Thanks guys and gal 😊. Too many things to do!!!

Posts: 9673

Cheryl Watson
Forum Administrator
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #12 - May 15th, 2012, 11:49am
VERY NICE!!
😊

Posts: 4009

Brian Vick
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #13 - May 15th, 2012, 4:43pm

Posts: 1867



😊with Cheryl
OB 😞

Jim Fuchs
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #14 - May 16th, 2012, 7:45pm

WOW ! 😊...Will...you used spray cans!!??..that';s as perfect of a paint job I've ever seen...fantastic. I was lookin' for your after pics, and somehow missed it...beautiful piece...

Janis Berzins
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #15 - May 16th, 2012, 9:35pm
Very nice!

Posts: 870

Will Person
Forum Administrator
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #16 - May 16th, 2012, 10:56pm
Yep Jim, spay cans. Just kept laying down nice wet layers. It turned out pretty good. No runs or orange peel.

Will 😎

Posts: 9673

Ed Allspaugh
WAGS member
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #17 - May 20th, 2012, 3:41pm
Nice job on the milk box Will.. That stove is cool too, don't remember seeing one like it..

Posts: 3365

Will Person
Forum Administrator
★★★★★

Re: Something different, restoring a milk box

Reply #18 - May 20th, 2012, 8:04pm

Thanks. The oven is in "The Griswold MFG. CO. Erie Pa Catalogue No. 45" Page 120 It is oven #80 Only \$5.25 How many you want? 😞

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