Striped Nightstand Makeover

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I picked up this laminate nightstand up for \$10.



Gave it a sanding (nothing too crazy) only spend about 5 minutes sanding it. Then applied Kilz brand primer. As long as you rough the surface up a bit and apply a good primer the paint will have enough roughness to adhere to the laminate. If you skip a step your paint may not 'stick' to the laminate.

After the primer has had a couple of days to cure (harden). I painted the whole nightstand in Martha Stewarts Driftwood Gray MSL265. I can't tell you how much I love this grey colour. I may just paint my entire house this grey.

By the way I always buy the little \$2.98 test pots at the hardware store. Obviously way cheaper than buying a quart of paint, and more than enough paint to cover a nightstand or dresser.







If you follow me on Instagram you know that I painted the front of those drawers 3 different times. I outlined the inlay detail in dark grey. Decided I didn't like that and painted the entire inside of the inlay dark grey. Hated that too, so I painted the whole drawer front dark grey. Then my 5 year-old told me to put stripes on it. So that's how it ended up being a striped nightstand.

I taped off the stripes with painters tape. And used a white I had lying around in the garage.



Once dry (should wait a few days-but I get too excited and wait like 2 hours). To add some protection (this is going in a 2 year-old boys bedroom), I sprayed on 2 coats of Krylon Crystal Clear. I've used this stuff on lots of painted furniture and it's never yellowed the paint finish. Love it.



I loved the original handles. At first I painted them yellow, blue, and then orange before deciding on red. Yes I have a problem.



I think I'm in love with my \$10 striped nightstand.

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