

HOW-TO: MAKE AN OLD BARBECUE NEW

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H The humble barbecue is an essential part of summertime fun. All season long they can be found at block parties, tailgating, camp-outs, and down by the river. A good barbecue will weather the outdoor elements year after year and still grill up a great dinner. Yet, with lots of use, the grimy inside and the pitted outside can start to look less than appetizing.

When I moved into my house, I found this perfectly good, but completely grungy grill abandoned in the yard. It was overgrown with ivy, and filled with cobwebs. I decided to spruce it up for the summertime with a fresh coat of red paint! Now it looks great with my vintage dishes and cute ruffled apron. I took it from old to cherry condition in no time!

MATERIALS

- » BBQ
- » 2 cans of Krylon Stove and BBQ Paint
- » Screwdrivers
- » Wire brush
- » Sandpaper
- » Respirator
- » Painter's tape
- » Wood stain
- » Drop cloth
- » Rags

Directions

Step 1: Disassemble the BBQ. Remove the grills, the legs, and the handles.

Step 2: Wear your respirator and scrape down the entire BBQ with the wire brush. Because you are scraping metal, the respirator is essential. Remove any rust, dust, and loose paint. The inside will have the most grit, so work it over very thoroughly.

Step 3: After you have removed all the big loose pieces with the wire brush, switch to the sandpaper. The fresh paint will adhere best to a rough surface. Sand the entire inside and the entire outside of the BBQ.

Step 4: Clean the last particles of debris from the sanding process off of the BBQ. Wipe down all the surfaces with a lint-free rag. Then rinse the BBQ with water and let it dry completely.

Step 5: While the BBQ is drying, stain the wooden handles using a rag to apply, and set them aside.



In just two hours, from start to finish, you too can completely makeover your barbecue with Krylon BBQ and Stove Paint. This special-purpose Krylon paint is resistant to constant heat of 600 degrees Fahrenheit, and it will withstand spikes in heat up to 1200 degrees.



Step 6: Set the clean and dry BBQ onto the dropcloth. Cover the vents on the BBQ with painter's tape. Slide the tape underneath the vent, and then fold it over the top and press it down.

Step 7: Now it's time for the fun part! The Krylon BBQ and Stove paint does not require any primer coats, even when turning a black BBQ red. Shake the can very vigorously and thoroughly to mix the paint. Rattle the spray paint for 2 minutes to be certain it is well mixed.

Step 8: Paint the inside of the BBQ first. Hold the can about 1' from the surface, make sure the arrow on the nozzle is pointing away from you, and then press and hold the tip down. Spray the paint using smooth, swooping motions. Keep the can slowly moving to avoid drips. Instead of heavy coats, the best coverage comes from applying many thin coats. I used 1 can to coat the inside. Let it dry for 15 minutes before turning the BBQ over.

Step 9: Use the second can of Krylon to cover the outside of the BBQ once the inside is dry. The paint will be dry to the touch in 15 minutes, but leave the BBQ to dry completely for 1 hour.

Step 10: When the paint is entirely dry, remove the tape and reattach the handles. Then put it back on its legs, and add the cleaned grills. Be aware that the freshly painted stove will smoke the first time you heat it. The old BBQ is now even better than new!



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