#TURNBROKENINTOBEAUTIFUL

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Chalk paint sounds great! What can I paint?
Wicker, leather, velour, plastic, upholstery, brick, ceramics and glass. In fact there are not many surfaces you can't paint!

How many coats will I need to apply?
You will need to apply at least 2 possibly 3. Don't panic if the first coat looks patchy and has pronounced brush strokes. The second coat will smooth those out.

Does chalk paint really require no preparation first? It's a myth that's its no a prep product but it is a minimal prep. It is important to remove any dust, grease and flaky paint from the surface as this will stop the paint adhering. Sugar soap is excellent for this as it cleans and slightly roughens the surface providing a key for the paint to stick to.

Anything else I should consider? Always consider the shape of the piece you are upcycling. A beautiful chair with fine spindles and intricate details would make a stunning project however remember that every surface will need to be painted and the project will take far longer. A good starter project is a simple chair with a clean design.