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Diminish the impact of a large hutch and give it a built-in quality by painting it the color of the walls. Use a dark color on the inside of the hutch to help accent what's on display. Personalize the whole effect by stenciling a pattern on the door and drawer panels.

Painted Hutch

1. Unscrew the cabinet hardware and remove the drawers and doors. Clean the cabinet, using wax remover, if necessary. Lightly sand the hutch and again wipe clean. If the hutch is unpainted, apply a base coat of primer inside and out, let dry, lightly sand and wipe clean.

2. Paint the inside of the open shelving and the raised panel on the drawers and doors with two coats of the darker color paint, lightly sanding and wiping clean after the first coat. Paint the outside of the cabinet, then frame around the drawers and doors, and the area behind the doors with two coats of the lighter

Things You'll Need:

- * Screwdriver
- * Wax remover, if necessary
- * Clean, lint-free cloths
- * Sandpaper (220-grit)
- * Three or four 2-inch foam brushes
- * Primer, if necessary
- * Latex paint in two colors (exterior: Glidden Prism White; interior: Glidden Great Desert)
- * Painter's masking tape
- * Liquid latex glaze
- * 2-inch bristle brush
- * Scissors
- * Repositionable spray mount
- * Stencil
- * Stencil brush
- * Artist's acrylic paint
- * Fine-point artist's brush

color, lightly sanding and wiping clean after the first coat. Let dry overnight. Use painter's masking tape to cover the frame around the drawers and doors, leaving the raised portion exposed.

3. Mix equal parts of the lighter color paint and glaze. Use a foam brush to apply the paint/glaze to the raised portion of the drawers. Use 2-inch bristle brush to lightly drag over the wet glaze, creating fine lines in both directions. Wipe off the brush and clean it when finished.

4. To create the striated effect on doors, snip out small sections of the bristle brush to make the ends spiky. Use a foam brush to apply the paint/glaze to the raised door panels. While it is wet, use the trimmed brush to lightly drag through the painted area and expose lines of dark color beneath. Wipe the brush frequently. Allow the paint to dry overnight.

5. Lightly spray the back of the chosen stencil with repositionable spray mount and position it on drawers and doors. Dip the tip of a stencil brush into a dab of artist's acrylic, blotting off excess paint. Lightly swirl the brush over the stencil, working toward the center. Using an artist's brush, paint trim details around the raised panels and cabinet molding. Dry thoroughly and reattach the hardware. ■