

Lynda Hammond, The Garage Sale Gal, appeared on 3-TV's Good Morning Arizona on January 7, 2008 with this project.

The Garage Sale Gal says: Use your imagination at garage sales:

1/If you see a table with one leg but it's worth saving pick it up for a couple bucks and go to the hardware store and get some new legs and attach them on it.

2/If you love the look of a wooden desk, but it looks like it's in bad shape, if it's only a few dollars, buy it and fix it up.

3/A coat of paint makes a huge difference for a dull wooden piece of furniture.

4/Try and see things in a different light.

5/If you really like a few plates that are for sale...and they're only .10 each like these were....buy them and come up with a project. For instance, here we turned these 3 plates into a serving tray..we used lamp parts from a hardware store..and this cost about 10.00 for everything.

6/If you seen an old wooden frame for a quarter..use it as a frame..or turn it into a decorative tray like I did with this one. This is what this originally looked like, plain wood, with backing and glass. I painted it white, sanded it a bit and then used tile from left over from another project, I got two iron drawer pulls at the hardware store, used the same glass that was in the frame. And I have myself a great serving tray. You can use it in your kitchen, bathroom or I have it in my bedroom as a catchall tray.

7/And then this bowl. Bought this in Hawaii a few Summers ago for a dollar. But it was broken. The screw that hooked the bottom part was stripped..but with a strong glue we fixed it and it's solid now.

So the point is, don't pass up what could be a great find at a garage sale just because it needs a little work. It can be fun and it can boost your confidence when you fix things up.