



How to Restore your Old Masterpieces on Wooden Canvases

How to clean and restore old oil paintings.

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INTRODUCTION

When exposed to excessive heat or stored improperly, the paint on an oil painting's canvas can deteriorate. This guide will demonstrate how to restore old oil painting and improve its condition.

Other online oil painting restoration guides are typically in hard-to-read instruction sets filled with insider jargon. This guide, however, is intended to simplify the process into six easy-to-follow steps with another optional seventh step.

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TOOLS:

- [Hammer](#) (1)
 - [Q-Tips](#) (1)
 - [Disposable Gloves \(Optional\)](#) (1)
 - [Small Paintbrush](#) (1)
 - [Oil Paint Restorer](#) (1)
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Step 1 — How to Restore your Old Masterpieces on Wooden Canvases



- Assemble all necessary items.

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Step 2



- Use the hammer's peen to remove each nail from the painting on the frame.
- Lightly remove the canvas from the frame.
- ⓘ Not all paintings are nailed to their frame. If your painting is attached to the frame in an alternative way, contact the framing company to discuss ways to safely remove the frame.

Step 3



- Coat a cotton-tipped swab with oil painting restorer.
- Rub the cotton-tipped swab on a small unnoticeable part of the painting to test a spot.
- Wait a few minutes to see if the oil painting restorer caused damage to the painting.
- ① You're looking for any obvious signs of damage such as paint chipping, discoloration, and bad order.

Step 4



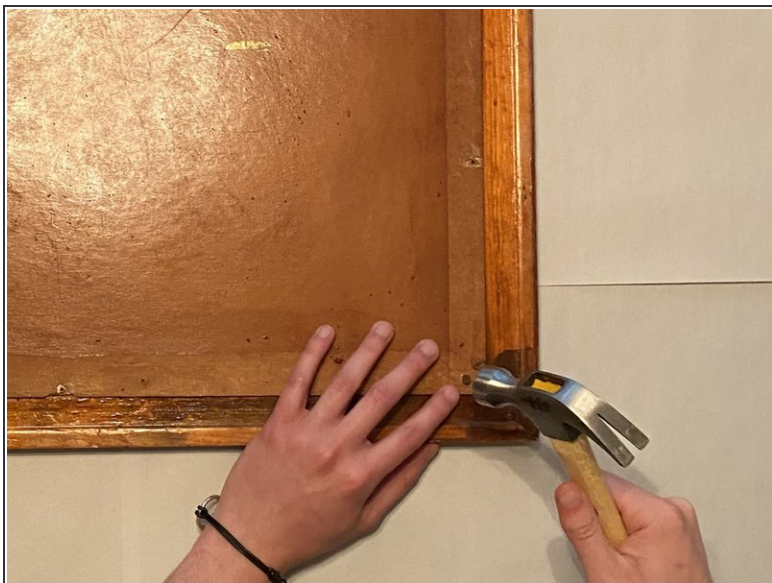
- Coat a lint-free cloth with oil painting restorer.
- Lightly rub the painting with your cloth until the entire painting is clean.

Step 5



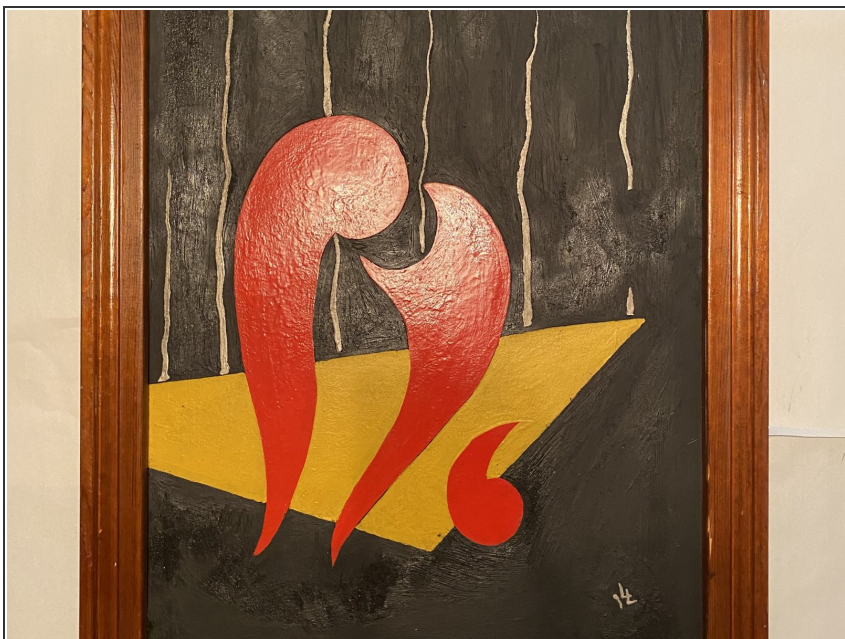
- Mix oil paints together until you get the desired color.
 - Apply mixed paint to a small spot on the painting.
 - Wait for the mixed paint to dry on the painting.
- i** After the paint dries, if the color does not match the original painting, then remix the stain and repeat this step until you get the desired color.

Step 6



- Use a hammer to reattach the nails on the painting to your frame.
- Physically move around the frame if needed.
- ❗ If you have an alternate frame type, then follow the manufacturer guide to reattach the painting to the frame.

Step 7



- Varnish if needed.

