

Firethorn Antiques' Project Blog

January 2024 - Up-cycled Pendant Lamps

You are strolling around the neighborhood yard sales and come upon 2 or 3 unmatched chandelier globes. I find many of them here in Tucson in southwest motifs. There are not enough of them to refit a complete chandelier, so what could you do with them? Make pendant swag lamps out of them, like I did.

Step 1 – determine how long you want the light to hang down and purchase your lamp cord (with plug & switch) in that length, and the same for the length of chain). Mine are each 6 feet in length.

Step 2 – thread the lamp cord through the chain and leave about 4 inches without chain to thread into the top opening of the globe.

Step 3 – slip the brass washer over the cord and then attach the wiring to the socket (inside the globe). The washer will prevent the socket from popping through the opening of the globe.

Step 4 - hang two hooks about 2 feet apart on the ceiling (I used left-over white plant hooks to hang my lamps). Drape your chain and attach to the ceiling hooks.

Step 5 – screw in a light bulb, plug the cord into an electrical wall outlet, and voile, you have a new, upcycled pendant lamp.

I used one of my lamps at the end of our home's front hall because it is a dark spot.

Finished Project

“Up-cycled Pendant Lamps”

Total Spent: \$61.90

Total Cost per Lamp: \$20.63

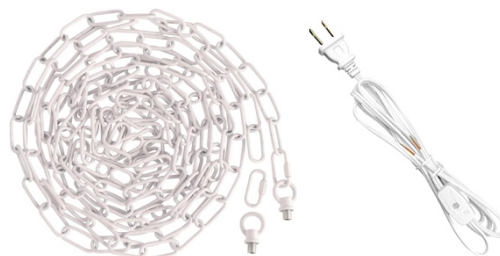
Project Supplies

3 chandelier globes – I picked up 3 unmatched ones for \$10 total at a yard sale.



1 pkg. of lamp chain, 19-feet, in white – \$26 on Amazon. I divided this into 3 six-foot lengths (one for each globe).

3 pkgs. of 6-foot-long lamp cord w/plug & switch – \$7 each on Amazon (total of \$21).



3 brass washers, 2-inch diameter – \$0.80 each at Ace Hardware (total of \$2.40).

3 brass lamp bulb sockets – \$2.50 each on Amazon (total of \$7.50).



*You likely can find better prices on some of the supplies. I just used Amazon for my examples.