Anderson Antiques' Project Blog

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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 Amazon. I divided this into 3 six-foot lengths (one (inside the globe). The washer will prevent for each globe). 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

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.