

Old COSCO Kitchen Step Stool

I found this old 50's era step stool while visiting a friend at his scrap metal recycling yard. My Great Granma had one just like it! I think they came with a back rest, like the yellow one below, but this one didn't have it. None the less, it's pretty cool.



I completely disassembled the stool, which was a chore as a few of the nuts & bolts were seized up. A Dremel tool, with a cut off wheel took care of those. I took one of each different size nut & bolt to a hardware store and got stainless steel replacements. I also found rubber feet to replace the dry rotted ones on the old stool.



Using a gel paint stripper, I brush it on every piece, and let sit for a few minutes.



I re-applied the gel stripper several times, and followed up with a combination of stiff bristle brushes, scotch bright pads, and a wire wheel on my bench grinder.





Once I removed all of the old finish I wiped everything down with Mineral Spirits and allowed to dry. I used two cans of spray paint to apply the final finish. All the parts were painted prior to assembling the stool. I sprayed multiple light coats to avoid runs in the paint.

Initially there were plans to make a seat cushion for top, but my Wife wanted to use it as a plant stand instead. So, this is the finished result!



