

Vulture's Row:

Paint Shaker

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Easy do-it-yourself paint shaker - a 2:03 minute video clip

It is easily one of the coolest and simplest ideas I've seen recently. All you will need is:

1 x Electric Saber Saw aka Jig Saw - any brand of variable speed will do (mine happens to be an old Craftsman)

1 x Small Slide Clamp for crafts and woodworking (also Craftsman)

My own spin on this:

A supply of double-ot buckshot pellets (BBs will do)

Follow the directions on the video – Chuck the clamp into the saw (make sure it's in firmly and tighten). Drop a BB into the bottle of paint you wish to shake. Clamp the bottle in your saw. Shake by squeezing the trigger on your saw. The BB acts just like one in a spray can and will help to agitate the paint. You now have a shaken (not stirred) bottle of paint – *Mr. Bond*.

Project Cost

New \$50 for saw and Clamp

Used \$8

This brings up another tip - **Yardsaleing**. I picked up a brand new saber saw at a yard sale recently for \$5 (with this very project in mind). I already had a saber saw but was planning on buying a used one for the shaker. The one I found was sooo much nicer than my old Craftsman that I relegated *it* to the role of shaker and put my newly acquired one into my wood-working gear. I already had the clamp I needed (purchased at Sears on sale for \$3). This brings up another point. Not all clamps are created equal. Do not expect the ones from Harbor Freight to work for this task as the shaft of these clamps are much thicker than Craftsman and Popular Mechanics clamps. It needs to be one that will fit in a saber saw chuck so choose carefully. You can grind one of the HF ones down but be careful as you are weakening the clamp somewhat and it will no longer be useful for other tasks (just FYI).