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# Sword Upgrade



Sometimes you can find some real jewels at the dollar store. They often have great detail in the molding of the item, but finish it so cheaply that you pass it up.

DON'T let a bad finish make you dismiss the potential of an item. And even more importantly, an extra 15 minutes can turn a cheap little prop into something pretty cool. Click on the titles to see a full description of each step.

### Compare Blades



Here's the \$1 sword I bought. Neat design, but obviously not very nice looking.

I put a tiny bit of white paint on my paint brush and lightly applied it to everything on the very top, avoiding creases and crevices.

The painted pictures were taken with the light on (hence the overhead yellow hue) in an attempt to let you see the paint better.

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## Compare Handles



The handle is my favorite. Darkest in the crevices, lighter in the middle (dry-brushed so the dark brown shows through), and light yellow on the highest peaks of the edges.

## Compare the Whole Thing



The sword, after lightly dry brushing some color onto it, looks less cheap. WHAT a difference it makes. Just follow the edges they have already made for you: low levels and creases are dark, and higher levels are light.

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