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'We made the wardrobe by effectively putting up a false wall a coat's width from the real wall, into which we inserted doors that we reclaimed from a dump,' says Kresse Wesling of eco-accessories company Elvis & Kresse. Kresse and her husband James's Bournemouth home was furnished almost entirely from reclaimed and reworked pieces. 'It was difficult getting the doors all the same size, but sanding them down and seeing the characteristics of the wood come out was satisfying work.'



THE IKEA HACK

There are few wardrobe systems that beat Ikea's 'Pax' range (www.ikea.co.uk) in terms of options for interior organisation and price. However, if you are looking for something more decorative, the Swedish company Superfront (www.superfront.com) offers a range of replacement surfaces, doors and handles that can be added during assembly and transform the look of the cupboard, with a huge range of colours and patterns. The wardrobe doors shown here, in 'Marais', each measure 236 x 50cm and cost £230; the 'Holy Wafer' brass handles cost £14 each.



BEST OF THE REST



1 Copper wire hangers, 20 x 42cm, £9 each, from Hay. www.hayshop.dk



2 Armoire in off-white distressed finish (other finishes available), 225 x 138 x 50cm, £6,500, at Paolo Moschino for Nicholas Haslam. www.nicholashaslam.com

3 'Conran Dawkins Oak Valet', 126 x 50 x 50cm, £299, at Marks & Spencer. www.marksandspencer.com



4 Double 'Frey' armoire, available in various woods and finishes, 180 x 132 x 55cm, from £3,250, at Pinch. www.pinchdesign.com

WALLS Paint (from back), 'Piccadilly' and 'Palmerston Pink', £34.66 for 2.5 litres matt emulsion, from Mylands. **Door panels**, 'Paradise', linen mix, £197 a metre, at Bennison Fabrics. **FLOOR** Paint, 'Honest John', £21.65 for 1 litre water-based floor paint in eggshell, from Mylands. Cotton-bordered seagrass runner, 'SGH2' (ruby), 368 x 58cm, £208, from Crucial Trading. **FURNITURE** Painted wood armchair, 'Nova', 95 x 73.5 x 71cm, £2,900, at Paolo Moschino for Nicholas Haslam; upholstered in 'Wicker' (N-086), linen, £96 a metre, at Fermoie. Painted-wood four-poster bed, 'Etien', 234 x 146 x 201cm, £3,293, from Leporello; upholstered in 'Persian Leaf' (pink), by Blithfield & Company, linen, £78 a metre, at Tissus d'Hélène. Fruitwood chest of drawers, 'Olivia', 86 x 92 x 52cm, £427 (unpainted), at Scumble Goose; painted in 'Indian Lake', £21.65 for 1 litre water-based eggshell, from Mylands. **ACCESSORIES** Cotton bedlinen, 'Ladderstitch': double duvet cover, £90; and oxford pillowcases, £30 each; at Cologne & Cotton. Cushion fabric, 'Wicker', as before. Lambswool throw, 'Honeycomb' (virginia), 175 x 120cm, £235, at Wallace Sewell. Oil on canvas, *Charleston - Chair and Gordon's Gin Bottle*, by Lottie Cole, £3,250, at Cricket Fine Art. Nineteenth-century, enamelled-glass lamp base, £1,850; with cotton shade, 'Ripple Stripe', £420; both at Soane. For suppliers' details, see Stockists page □