The Gold Challenge

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Gold makes me **smile**. Not just because itâ€™s worth a lot of money, but because it reminds me of my mother. She has always been a big fan of gold jewelry particularly when itâ€™s 14Karat.   She loves gold so much that we even had metallic gold vertical blinds that covered our dining room windows. It wasnâ€™t quite like Donald Trumpâ€™s home, but it definitely made a statement. Sheâ€™s also a HUGE fan of leopard print, but Iâ€™ll save that story for another day.

Gold and brass have taken a back seat for awhile when it comes to home decor, but they are making their way back. Iâ€™ve found myself becoming drawn to gold again. I jumped for joy (not really, it just sounded good) when I came across this DIY gilding challenge on the blog Fieldstone Hill Design. Iâ€™m not much of a DIY gal if itâ€™s a project that requires power tools or a lot of patience. However, this project was one I had just completed before I saw the post.

The challenge is to gild something or paint it gold then use it in a lovely display. Nine other bloggers are sharing the challenge on their sites along with their projects. Iâ€™d been eyeing a navy blue crab thatâ€™s part of the Nate Berkus home decor collection at Target. My zodiac sign is Cancer the Crab so Iâ€™m a little partial to crustaceans. The problem was I donâ€™t have an ounce of navy blue in my house and the color doesnâ€™t match my decor. I thought Mr. Crab would be perfect if he were gold. I wanted a gold accent piece so I decided to paint him with some gold acrylic paint I already owned. How hard could it be? As you can see from my photo of Mr. Crab heâ€™s not perfectly solid gold. I kind of like that you can still see some of the navy underneath, but it looks black. I toyed with the idea

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of buying some gold spray paint and completely covering him, but I decided I sort of like the weathered effect. He goes well with my weathered wood table. He€™s not perfect, but then again neither am I. What do you think? About the crab that is.

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