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Q I have a very ornate end table from the Victorian era that I'd like to paint to match the "shabby chic" decor in my bedroom. How can I do this and not damage the table if I decide to restore it to its original look some time in the future?

A You need to take steps to assure the paint does not penetrate the wood surface.

1. Inspect the entire finish. Areas where the finish is worn or flaking should be carefully hand sanded using 220 sand paper.
2. Lightly hand sand the entire surface (again with 220).
3. Spray or brush the entire piece evenly with a coat or two of clear shellac or lacquer.
4. Let the piece dry completely before applying your painted surface.

The shellac lacquer will provide a good base coat for the paint and will protect the underlying walnut & both are easily reversible.