TOPS in TABLES

10 UNIQUE WAYS TO TRANSFORM TABLES OR ANY SURFACE
Whether your furnishings are contemporary, art deco, southwest, western, country, or Victorian, here are tables for you! We think the looks are wonderful but, best of all, they're surprisingly easy to do. Wallpaper, spray paint, tape, and even aluminum foil are some of the necessary ingredients. Of course, you're not limited to tables; frames, boxes, headboards, clocks, shelves, cupboards, and any surface can be beautifully transformed. And because EnviroTex Lite® is so durable, all surfaces are alcohol and water proof. So if you're working on a piece of unfinished furniture, a garage sale find, or some attic treasure, we hope you enjoy creating unique projects for your home.

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**BASIC SUPPLIES**
dropcloths
paper towels
sandpapers: fine, medium
primer/sealer

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

*Basic Table Preparation*
1. Protect your work area with a dropcloth.
2. If the table has removable legs, remove them.
3. To prepare the table surface, first sand it with a medium grade sandpaper. Formica or varnished surfaces should be scuff sanded with 100 grit sandpaper to provide a surface that paint will adhere to.
4. Dust off the tabletop with a clean rag.
5. Following the directions on the Enviro Spray® can, apply two coats of paint; let dry.
6. Follow the individual instructions for each tabletop design.
7. To seal the completed tabletop, use EnviroTex Lite® following the manufacturer's instructions. Refer to the coverage figures below to determine how much EnviroTex Lite® you will need.

**Coverage**

- 4 oz. kit=1 square foot
- 8 oz. kit=2 square feet
- pint kit=4 square feet
- quart kit=8 square feet
- ½ gallon kit=16 square feet
- gallon kit=32 square feet

(For the aluminum foil-covered tables, at least double these amounts)

**Techniques Using Aluminum Foil**
1. Measure the tabletop. Tear off enough foil to cover the table plus ⅓ more.
2. Tear off 1", leaving uneven edges on the sides that will be overlapped.
3. Overlap the pieces about 1" and glue with white glue; let dry.
4. Tightly crumple the foil, in an irregular pattern. Keep the crumples under ½" high so it will only take a few coats of EnviroTex Lite® to cover.
5. Apply white craft glue to the tops and sides of the table. Press the foil onto the glue, making sure the crumples are not disturbed. Trim any excess foil from the edges, leaving a 1"-2" wide border strip. Tuck this strip under the table edge.
6. Choose a dark and light color of Enviro Spray®. First spray the entire surface and edges with the dark color; let dry. Repeat with a second coat.
7. For the light color: On small tables, tilt to a 45° angle and spray the lighter color from one side only, so it coats the same side on all the crumples; let dry. For large tables, squat down spraying at tabletop level only.
8. For the coffee table on page 8, the foil does not cover the tabletops. In this case, fold approximately 1" of foil under to make neat edges.

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You Will Need:
Enviro Spray®: dusty rose, rustic brick, white, antique peach cardboard, such as posterboard clear acrylic sealer scissors EnviroTex Lite®

For best results, first practice the technique on a sheet of cardboard.

1. Prepare the tabletop (see inside the front cover). Apply two coats of dusty rose to the entire table; let dry between coats.
2. Cut a piece of cardboard the same size as the tabletop for a mask. Spray it with clear acrylic sealer so it doesn’t absorb paint during spraying.
3. Place a corner of the mask down to create triangle 1 as illustrated above. Lightly spray peach with the nozzle aimed at the edge of the mask. Lift up the mask. The overspray should create an airbrush effect.
4. Repeat for triangle 2. Wait 20 minutes and paint triangles 3 and 4. Wait 20 minutes and paint triangle 5; let dry.
5. Following the second diagram, position an edge of the mask along each dotted line (-----) and spray white as above.
6. Following the third diagram, position an edge of the mask along each dashed line (——) and spray brick as above.
7. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to apply a coat of EnviroTex Lite® over the paint; let dry. Repeat.
You Will Need:

- Enviro Spray®: homespun blue
- acrylic paints: mint green, baby pink, orchid, white
- 1" flat paintbrush
- paper towels
- acrylic sealer
- sand
- EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the table (see inside the front cover). Paint the top white; let dry.
2. Paint 3"-4" wide lines of pink, green, and orchid according to the diagram. Be sure to apply the paint directly from the bottle without diluting it with water.
3. Before the paint dries, crumple and wet one half a paper towel. Dab the colors so they partially blend. You should still be able to differentiate between the color strips.
4. While the paint is still wet, sprinkle handfuls of sand on the entire tabletop until it is very lightly covered.
5. Position the can of homespun blue at a right angle 2" from the table’s edge and lightly spray some of the sand off the tabletop so an irregular pattern remains; let dry.
6. Apply two coats of acrylic sealer to hold the remaining sand in place.
7. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to apply a coat of EnviroTex Lite®; let dry. Repeat.
Silk Flower Victorian Table
just a few silk flowers makes all the difference in this feminine table

You Will Need:
6 deep pink silk day lilies with 1"-2"
  wide blossoms and 16 leaves
Enviro Spray*: sea, pink ice
white craft glue
liner paintbrush
acrylic paints: white, black, pink
steam iron
EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the table (see inside the front cover). Paint the entire tabletop sea; let dry.
   Paint two mouldings on the stand pink.
2. Iron the day lilies and leaves to flatten as much as possible.
3. Keeping the can 6" from the surface, apply pink ice according to the diagram, moving the
   can in a circular motion around the center. This technique will
   completely coat the center and leave a misty airbrushed effect
   on the outer edge. Let dry.
4. Glue the flowers and leaves to the table. Wipe away any excess glue. Seal
   the flower and leaf edges with glue to prevent air bubbles.
5. Optional: Paint black dots in the
   flower centers as shown in the detail
   photograph.
6. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to
   apply a coat of EnviroTex Lite®. Repeat as
   necessary to cover the flowers and make the
   surface level.
Black & White Coffee Table

aluminum foil and paint create an intriguing texture

You Will Need:
roll of aluminum foil, regular weight
white craft glue
1" wide paintbrush
Enviro Spray®: black, white
EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the table (see inside the front cover) then follow the steps on the same page under “Techniques Using Aluminum Foil.”

2. Paint the legs and foil black; let dry. Repeat.

3. Tilt the table at a 45° angle (see inside the front cover) and paint the foil white from one direction.

4. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to apply EnviroTex Lite®. Repeat as necessary to cover the foil and make the surface level.
Art Deco Desk

wallpaper and some simple spray painting make this striking desk

You Will Need:

- wallpaper-used here: a plum, wedgewood blue, and lilac patterned graphic wallpaper with a combination of circles and rectangles
- cardboard, such as posterboard
- Enviro Spray®: lilac
- Plasti-Kote®: sweet lavender
- acrylic paint: lavender
- 1" wide paintbrush
- masking tape or double-sided tape
- white craft glue
- scissors
- EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the desk (see inside the front cover) and paint lilac; let dry. Repeat. Holding the can of dark plum about 6" from the table, lightly spray paint along the top and bottom areas of the desk center as shown in the large photo.
2. Paint the drawer and sides of the desk with acrylic as shown in the large photo.
3. Cut a piece of wallpaper large enough to cover a desktop end. The wallpaper should be flush with the outer edges. On the side that faces the center, cut the wallpaper following the circle/rectangle pattern. Cut a piece with identical dimensions for the other desktop end.
4. For a mask: lay one of the wallpaper pieces over the cardboard and cut around the edge. Spray the ask with clear acrylic sealer so it doesn’t absorb paint.
5. Position the mask at one end and slide it about 1 1/2" toward the desk center. Lift the mask slightly and place double-sided tape tape underneath to secure the mask in place. Point the Plasti-Kote® nozzle at the edge of the cardboard and lightly spray sweet lavender along the entire edge, according to the photos.
6. Fit a wallpaper piece into place matching the table edge at one end, and glue down. Repeat steps 4 and 5 on the other end.
7. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to apply EnviroTex Lite®, let dry. Repeat.
Plum Tea Table

dried flowers add a delicate look to this table

You Will Need:
10" stem of dried sea lavender flowers
cardboard, such as posterboard
Enviro Spray®: pink ice
Plasti-Kote®: Oriental plum
white craft glue
EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the table (see inside the front cover) Paint the oval center pink ice, leaving approximately a 3" border surrounding the oval. Paint the underside and legs Oriental plum. Let both dry.

2. Place the flowers under a heavy set of books overnight to flatten them.

3. Cut a cardboard oval to fit on your table for a mask according to the diagram. Paint the exposed top plum; let dry. Leave the mask on until step 7.

4. Choose a flower sprig for a pattern. Place it in the plum colored ring and lightly spray pink ice over it. Repeat this process all around the circle.

5. Repeat step 4 with the sprig and plum paint overlapping the previous sprigs.

6. Paint the outer edge of the tabletop pink ice according to the large photo. Hold the paint can 1" outside the outside edge to achieve a misty effect.

7. Remove the oval mask. Seal the flowers with clear acrylic spray. Glue them to the center of the oval. Glue the edges to prevent air bubbles from being trapped underneath.

8. Follow the manufacturer's instructions to apply EnviroTex Lite®. Repeat as necessary to cover the flowers and make the surface level.
You Will Need:
blue patterned wallpaper
Enviro Spray®: sea
navy artist’s graphic tape: \(\frac{3}{16}\)” wide,
\(\frac{1}{8}\)” wide
white craft glue
100 grit sandpaper
rulers
scissors
EnviroTex Lite®

1. Sand the countertop with 100 grit paper to provide a painting surface (see inside the front cover). Wipe with a clean rag. Paint the entire surface sea.
2. Cut one each of patterns A and B and two of C from the wallpaper. Glue these four shapes on a corner of the counter as shown in the photo below. Press firmly to remove air bubbles. Repeat for the remaining three corners.
3. Apply both sizes of graphic tape in the pattern according to the small photo. If the ends overlap, make sure they are firmly adhered to the counter.
4. Apply EnviroTex Lite® according to the manufacturer’s instructions; let dry. Repeat as necessary to cover the paper and make the surface level.
Snack Table & Coffee Table

turn your tables into something terrific with aluminum foil

You Will Need:
For Snack Table
pink and green border wallpaper
one roll of aluminum foil, regular weight
white craft glue
1" wide paintbrush (for applying glue)
Enviro Spray®: jade green, pink ice
EnviroTex Lite®

You Will Need:
For Coffee Table
one roll of aluminum foil, regular weight
white craft glue
1" wide paintbrush (for applying glue)
Enviro Spray®: rustic brick, raspberry
EnviroTex Lite®

See the next page (inside the back cover) for project directions.
1. **For Snack Table:** Prepare the table (see inside the front cover). Following the steps inside the front cover under “Techniques Using Aluminum Foil,” paint the foil green; let dry. Repeat.

2. Tilt the table at a 45° angle and paint the crumpled foil pink. Repeat for the table edges. When dry, follow the manufacturer’s instructions and coat with EnviroTex Lite®. Repeat as necessary until the surface is level. Cut a 1½” wide border from the wallpaper. Measure 2” in from the edges of the table and glue; let dry. Coat with EnviroTex Lite®.

3. **For Coffee Table:** Prepare the tabletop (see inside the front cover) and crumple the foil following the steps under “Techniques Using Aluminum Foil.” Place the foil on the table, and fold the edges under to create a 4” wood border around the foil piece. Take the foil off the table, lay on a drop cloth or newspaper, and paint rustic brick; let dry. Repeat.

4. Tilt the foil to a 45° angle and paint raspberry; let dry. Carefully glue the foil to the center of the table, making sure the crumples don’t get pressed out. Paint the tabletop edges and legs rustic brick.

5. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions to apply EnviroTex Lite®. Repeat as necessary until the top surface is level, then apply two coats of EnviroTex Lite® on top of those coats, letting dry between coats.

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Coordinating Table
an easy and inexpensive way to change the look of a table to complement your wallpaper

You Will Need:
Enviro Spray®: jade green
white craft glue
wallpaper: 1 roll of small printed purple flowers, 1 roll of larger purple flowers, 1 roll of border paper with complimentary colors
EnviroTex Lite®

1. Prepare the table (see inside the front cover).
   Paint two coats of jade green to table surface and legs, letting dry between coats.
2. Cut thirty 4" squares from the small printed wallpaper. Glue two squares together as shown in the diagram. Repeat for the rest of the squares to make 15 pairs.
3. Cut fifteen 4" squares from the larger floral wallpaper. Glue one over each pair from step 2 for "tiles" as shown in the photo below.
4. Cut a ¾"-1" edge from the border wallpaper and glue to the tabletop according to the photos.

5. Measure 1"-2" in from the border, position and glue the corner tile. Repeat for the remaining three corner tiles; let dry.
6. Glue the rest of the wallpaper tiles in between the four corners, keeping equal spaces between them. When finished, there should be a 5x3 grid of tiles. Be sure to smooth out any air bubbles.
7. Cut eight 2"x2" squares from the large floral wallpaper. Center each square between four tiles and glue it down; let dry.
8. Follow manufacturer’s instructions to apply EnviroTex Lite®.