

How to use ancient crafts and modern techniques

12th Scale Occasional Table—workshop

Tools and materials required:

Tacky glue. Clothes pegs for clamps. A sharp blade.

Need: Four lengths of dowel for four legs to be shaped, or four stair spindles. Card for making the top. A 2 1/4" punch. 2 cm deep circle of card—this is a slice from a clingwrap tube.

A piece of cord to finish. Gold paint. White acrylic paint.

It is better to glue everything up before painting with acrylic paint.

- 1 Measure 1.5cm down from top of each leg provided and make a cut halfway through. Carefully slice down with a blade until this cut is met. Remove the half. This will sit against the side of the table. Do each leg the same.
- 2 Repurpose an empty clingwrap tube. Draw a line around the tube at 2cm in from one end. Cut the tube around this line. Use a fine saw or blade but be careful here.
- 3 Glue each of the legs at even intervals around the circular sides, making sure the bottom edge of the side sits on the ledge of the leg cut. Use pegs to hold in place while drying. At this stage you can adjust the leg lengths so the table will sit evenly.
- 4 While these are drying, punch out 4 circles from the card. These are then glued (laminated) together using clothes pegs to clamp around the edges. Cut one circle of marble pattern if wanted and glue to top layer.
- 5 When all this is dry, run a bead of glue around the top edge of the table and place the circular top onto it, making sure an even overlap occurs right around the table.
- 6 Paint all over. When this is dry, decoration can be applied.

In the sample gold paint was painted around the rim of the table top, gold sticky decals were applied on the sides between each leg, and accents were painted gold. Tiny gold roses made of Fimo were used on top of the legs in this sample.

Note: You can make the skirt 1.5cm deep and the top of the legs would then be flush with the table top. I had left room for a twisted gold cord and then couldn't find it!

I hope you enjoy making this little table.

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The 'nuts' are coriander seeds and the bowl is an acorn shell.