

A side table for the Den in 1:12

A project by Jill Fraser, compliments of *Miniature Time Traveller* magazine.

Materials: One toilet roll minus paper!! Four legs are cut down wooden skewers. Shaped dowels could be used instead. 2mm card and 1 mm card. Black leather or vinyl. Black leather trim. A 5 cm punch.

Preparation: Mark up 2.5 cm from bottom of roll and draw a line around the roll. Cut along this line carefully with a sharp blade.

Cut one oblong piece of black leather 15 cm x 2.5 cm.

Using a 5 cm punch, punch 4 circles of 1mm card. Use one for a guide and cut a leather circle the same size.

Cut a piece of 2mm card out of corrugated cardboard. This bends around the inside curve of the table better. Make this 12.5 cm long and 1.5 cm wide.

Cut the legs to size. Make them all 3cm long. Give them a light sand all over.

Assembly:

- 1 Take the strip of corrugated card and glue this inside the roll, flush with the top edge.
- 2 Put glue around the roll on the outside and position your long leather strip around it, butting the back seam together so it sits flat. Let dry.
- 3 Laminate the circles of card together with the leather circle topmost. Tacky glue is good for this. Put under a weight to dry flat.
- 4 Before gluing on the legs and top, do the 'brass pin' detail.
- 5 I use tiny gold circles left over from a sticky backed decal. But you could carefully dot gold paint, using the end of a toothpick around the top and bottom edge of the table. Do a row up the back seam.
- 6 Legs: Put glue on the inside edges and on the bottom and position them at equal distances from each other. (About 2.5 cm from center to center of the legs.)



- 7 It is easier to glue the leather trim onto the top before you glue it to the body of the table. And work it upside down i.e. you have the top leather circle on the workbench. This makes it easier to keep the trim in place against the side of the top when you are gluing. Hold until it dries. Fingers make the best clamps!. You will have some edge of the table top showing below when you have finished this. Paint this black.
- 8 Last thing: Put a line of glue around the top edge of the body of the table and press the top on to it. Hold in place until dry. Enjoy!

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