

Star Checkered Table



Paper is a fantastic way to refinish furniture, especially furniture that has nicks and scrapes that paint just isn't going to hide. This project is very time consuming, but well worth the effort.

Materials Needed:

- Square table
- Sand paper
- Primer
- Acrylic enamel paint
- Polyurethane
- Imitation gold leaf
- Gold marker
- 1" bristle paint brush
- 4-5 sheets Thai Unryu 40 g/m2, torn into pieces
- Decoupage medium
- 36" straight edge or tape measure
- Star template
- Water-soluble pencil

Prepare your table by cleaning, sanding, and priming. Paint table with 2 to 3 coats on sides and legs, and 1-2 coats on top. Lightly sand the top to accept the decoupage medium. Starting in one corner, coat the table top with decoupage medium. Using a moistened bristle brush, smooth the different sized sheets of Unryu into place, overlapping torn edges, and wrapping neatly around the table's edge. Work your way around the table making sure the edges wrapping the top and underneath are well glued. When the top is completely covered, let dry. Mark off squares using a straight edge and a water-soluble pencil. Carefully stain selected alternating squares using watered down acrylic paint and a soft brush. In the center of each square, draw in star shapes in an appropriate size using a star template with the water-soluble pencil. Stain the stars in the unstained squares using the same color watered down acrylic. Coat the stars in the stained squares with gold leaf adhesive, following manufacturer's directions. Adhere the gold leaf. Use the gold marker and a straight edge to neaten and highlight the squares and to outline the stained stars. Apply several coats of polyurethane to protect.