

Project: DIY Game Table

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Make your own fun with a do-it-yourself game table

I tackled this project during the summertime and decided that the smooth, flat tabletop of my Moroccan-style table would be perfectly suited for summertime game playing on the back porch. But why stop with a place to rest our game boards when I could turn it INTO a game board? I used ScotchBlue™ Painter's Tape to create my summertime fun!



Supply List:

- ScotchBlue[™] Painter's Tape
- Table
- Ruler
- Straightedge
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 2-in-1 spray primer and paint



Step 1

For my small table, I knew my gaming squares couldn't be very big, so I used 1" painter's tape and cut out 1"x1" squares. To measure, unroll a length of tape across the tabletop itself, and, using a ruler and pencil, mark off every inch. Use a straightedge to mark nice straight lines to use as guides for cutting.



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Step 2

Once the lines are traced, cut the squares one by one and stick them to the side of the game table. Continue this process until you have a nice collection ready for placing. Then, carefully lay them in a checkerboard pattern on the tabletop.

Once you are finished creating the checkerboard design, line the edges with four long lengths of painter's tape, then mask the rest of the table to prepare it for painting (I used trash bags — nothing fancy).



Step 3

Next, spray your table with thin, even coats. Let the table dry for a few hours, then remove trash bags and painter's tape to reveal a perfectly crisp pattern underneath.

To finish the project, give your tabletop 2 thin, even coats of clear, glossy sealant to protect the wood from chipping.

You are now ready to start playing on your custom game table! Checkers, anyone?

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