

# Decorative Table

Prepare your event or holiday table with Smart-Fab

## Materials:



Two pieces of light colored (we are using creme) Smart-Fab for skirting to go around the table hanging down to the floor. (Be sure you have enough for the measurements below.) • One piece of the Smart-Fab for the cover of the table • Two pieces of different darker colors of Smart-Fab to be used as table runners for the length and width of the table. We are using red and dark blue • Measuring tape or ruler • Stapler

- Double-sided adhesive tape about two inches thick
- Straight pins • Needle and thread (optional) • Scissors

## Preparation:



**Skirting.** To prepare the two pieces of Smart-Fab for the skirting, measure the length and width of the top of the table. You will need three times the measurement for each side, with a height of thirty inches from the table top to the floor. (I.e. if your table is two ½ feet x 4 feet- you

will need to make each piece of Smart-Fab seven ½ feet plus 12 feet or 19 ½ feet long x 30 inches wide for the height). **You also have the option to use just one piece of Smart-Fab for the skirting, by doubling the length and width measurements. (Again, You will need three times the measurement for each side)**



**Cover.** For the cover of the table use the measurement again of the width and length of the top of the table, adding about four inches all around. The extra four inches will be folded and secured to the underside of the table.



**“Table Runners”** Each color has to be measured to include two times the height of the table, plus the length or width measurement, by however wide you want the table runners.

## Procedure:



### Making the skirting

Using a tape measure, mark two inches along one edge of the length of your piece, or pieces of Smart-Fab that are being used for the skirting.



At every other two inch mark pull up a pleat that will be two inches deep. You will be able to use the two inch mark on each side of the pulled up pleat to be sure it is two inches deep.



Staple the bottom of each pulled pleat about two inches down from the edge of your Smart-Fab.



After you have made a few pleats you will be opening them and flattening them out. Flatten all the way down the pleat. They are to look like Scottish Kilt pleats. Repeat this procedure along the entire length of the skirting.



When you have finished making all the pleats, turn the Smart-Fab over to the reverse side. Notice that under each pleat at the edge where you have been working, there is an opening. The opening needs to be closed. Fold back the two sides that you see and place a piece of double-sided adhesive tape inside each of these openings. Do this for each pleat along the entire length of the Smart-Fab.



All of the steps to create the skirting and attaching it to the table cover can be done with needle and thread.



Remove the covering of the double-sided adhesive tape.



Your table is now ready for any additional decoration.



Press the openings closed onto the tape. All the openings need to be closed, so that the reverse side of the skirting is flat.



### Table runners

Take the two pieces of Smart-Fab that you measured for length of the table. Lay down the first color wherever you choose.

Overlap the second color being sure to show some of the first color beneath it.



**Making the cover for the table top.** Take the piece of Smart-Fab that you measured to use for the cover of the table top and fit it onto the table. There should be an overhang of four inches on all sides. Fold the overhang under the table and tape it securely so when you attach the skirting the cover will not move.



Reverse the colors of Smart-Fab when you lay down the two pieces that you measured to use for the width of your table.



### Assembling the table

To attach the skirting to the table, affix the double-sided adhesive tape all along the reverse side of all the skirting.



When you lay down the second color, be sure again to show some of the first color beneath it.



This next step is more easily done with two people. However, one person can also easily attach the skirting by working in sections. Pin all the skirting around the edge of the table to the table cover. Remove a section of the skirting and then remove the backing of the double sided adhesive tape. Press the skirting onto the cover.

**Your Decorative Table is complete!**



Straighten the pleats as you work around the table until you have attached all the skirting.

