

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
the beginning
miniature maker

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Materials and Supplies:

Mexican Tile Printie (provided)

1 sheet white cardstock

medium brown paint

clear gloss varnish

1 1/2" Woodsie square

flat floral wire (We used silver but black or copper would also look good.)

X-Acto knife, ruler, self-healing cutting mat, small sharp scissors

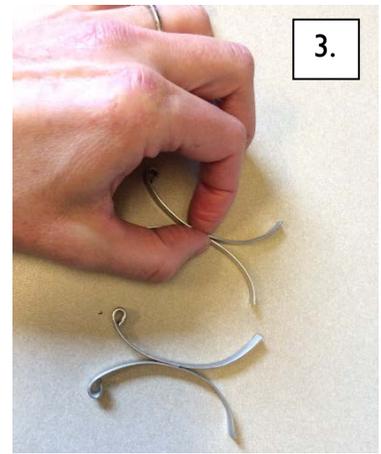
paint brush, Tacky glue, Super glue

wire cutter, round nose pliers

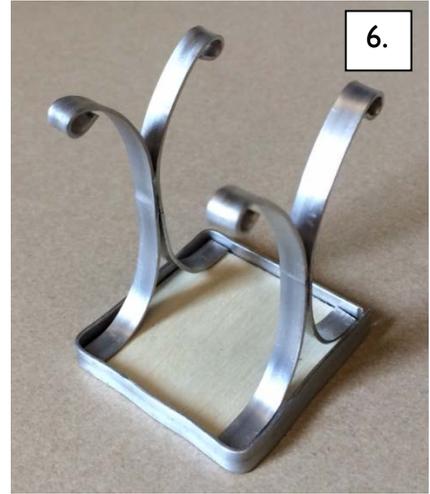
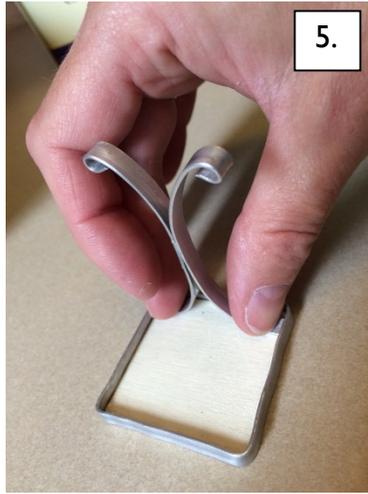
can of vegetables from the cupboard with a diameter of approximately 3" (to be used as a mold for bending your wire)

Instructions:

1. Paint one side of your Woodsie with the medium brown paint. Set to dry.
2. Make a colored print out of the Mexican Tile Printie on cardstock. Use an X-acto knife and ruler to cut out the strips of tile and then use a small sharp scissor to cut the individual tiles apart.
3. With the painted side of your Woodsie square facing you, position the tiles on your square. Copy our pattern or play around and create your own pattern. Once you have decided on an arrangement for your tiles you are ready to glue them to the board.
4. Move the tiles to your work surface. Use a paint brush to coat the painted side of your Woodsie square with Tacky glue. (Don't worry that the Tacky glue looks white, it will dry clear.) Begin at the perimeter and glue the tiles in place on the square.
5. Once your tiles are glued in place, coat the surface of the newly tiled tabletop with acrylic gloss varnish to seal it and to give it a soft glow.
6. Cut the flat wire to the following lengths: four pieces 3 1/4" (these will be your table legs); one piece 6 3/8" (this will be your tabletop trim).



7. Using a pencil, draw a line 1 1/2" from one end of each 3 1/4" wire. Draw the line all the way around the wire. Using the vegetable can as a form, wrap each 3 1/4" wire around the side of the can to curve the wire. See illustration 1.
8. Next, you will create the feet on your table legs by bending the end of each wire into a small loop. Make the loop on the end that is 1 3/4" from the pencil mark. See illustration 2.
9. Now you will glue the pairs of table legs together. Put a drop of Super glue on the pencil mark on the convex side of two table legs. Press and hold the legs together and against your work surface until the glue has set. Repeat with remaining pair of legs. See illustration 3.
10. Now you will put the trim around your tile tabletop using the 6 3/8" wire. Lay your tile tabletop face down on your work surface. Beginning at the corner of your tile table top carefully wrap the flat side of the wire around the square. Pinch it tight around each corner. The ends of your wire should meet at the corner once you have wrapped the wire around the perimeter of the square. See illustration 4 (below).
11. To adhere the trim to the edge of the tile tabletop apply Super glue to the perimeter of the tile tabletop. Place the tabletop tile-side down on your work surface and slip the trim piece over it. Keep the tabletop flush with your work surface and hold the metal trim tight against the edge of the tabletop until the glue sets.



12. Finally you will attach the legs to the table. Turn one set of legs up-side-down so the curled feet are up and gently press the top ends of the legs against the underside of the tabletop to create a flat surface for the tabletop to rest against. Repeat with remaining set of legs. See illustration 5.
13. Put a drop of Super glue on the flat tops of the legs and glue each leg to the bottom of the tabletop as pictured in illustration 6. Once the glue is set your table is complete.

Mexican Tile Printie

