

# DECORATING A TABLE TOP!

Often times in decorating, pictures can be a huge investment. I've learned over the years, to ***purchase calendars*** that have nice photos in them, especially well known artists who do calendars and frame them. This one is done by Charles Mc Camy



Last year, I purchased a Primitive Calendar. The photos are very nice and measure 12" x 12". A friend of mine made the frame for me, but you can purchase that size online for minimal cost.

I took this particular picture from the calendar and framed it and it becomes the inspiration for decorating the top of the cabinet.

Place a doily, scarf, burlap, or some sort of cloth as a base for your decorating. ***It's all about layering when you are going for that rustic look!***



I'm starting with this large crock jug was a Goodwill purchase of \$3.99. It was painted bronze and it sat in my house for a few years before I realized what was underneath all that paint. It was a happy day when I saw the paint coming off it!! One this size would cost about \$75 to purchase.

***When you are decorating, it's always a good rule of thumb to use 3 objects...or an odd number of objects.*** So, I've added these other two crock jugs (also \$3.99 for each at Goodwill) to this grouping.



Next, I added a hog scraper candle holder and a wooden inspirational plate.



I found this old book at a flea market for \$1.00. I wasn't quite sure what I was going to use it for until I saw the calendar photo. So, placing the open book on the table top and adding a pair of "Harry Potter" glasses (no one will know they aren't old) on top of the book ***reflects the open book in the calendar picture.***





This finishes the top of the cabinet! The 3 jugs draws your attention to the corner and the book with the glasses pulls the picture down onto the top of the table!

I found some light-up branches at Goodwill and have those inside the large jug to add some reflective lighting, along with some red berry branches.



I love this apothecary –look cabinet I purchased at Kirkland’s a few years ago. It really doesn’t have little drawers, but the doors are made to look that way! It was probably my one splurge for furniture that I’ve done. It was on sale though, (that counts right) normally sells for \$399 and I got it for \$199. To purchase an antique cabinet like this would cost a lot more, so it’s okay to use reproductions!



Blessings,  
Terri