

### Create a Tray with Repurposed Materials

Repurpose materials rather than sending them to the trash bin! Walk through the steps to create a unique tray for your dining room tablescape to gather around this summer.

#### Materials & Supplies

##### Rowley Products

FirmaFlex™ Bendable Fiber Board

**Item #**

**BP48**

Laminating Adhesive

**FA40**

12' Long Tape Measure

**DT12**

Cord Cleats

**SC20**

Fringe Adhesive

**FA10**

##### Other Materials

1 x 3 wood remnants

Fabric remnants



### Create a Tray with Repurposed Materials: Step-By-Step Instructions

#### Build the Tray Base:

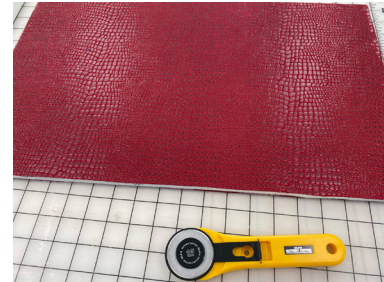
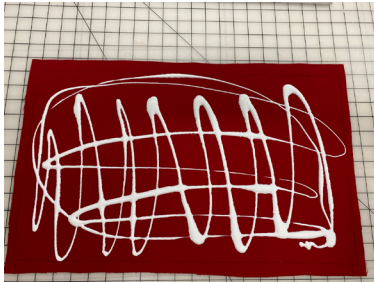
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- 2 Mark and cut the 1 x 3's as the tray sides.
- 3 Check the fit of the frame once all parts are cut.



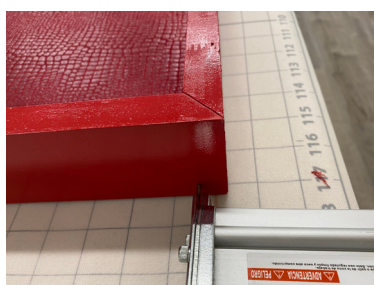
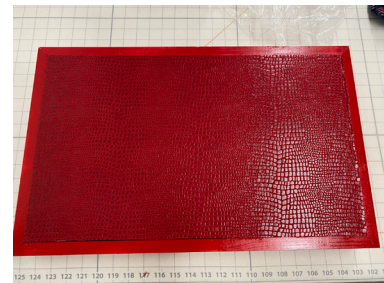
## Cover the Tray Base with Fabric:

- 1 Cut a piece of fabric to cover the tray base top and the tray bottom.
- 2 Spread Laminating Adhesive FA40 to the fabric for the tray base bottom.
- 3 Place the fabric on the FirmaFlex™ and smooth. Allow the adhesive to dry.
- 4 Repeat the process to add the fabric to the tray base top.
- 5 Trim excess fabric from the edges of the tray bottom.



## Complete the Tray Frame:

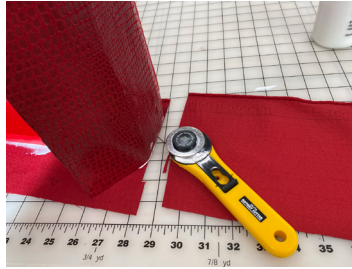
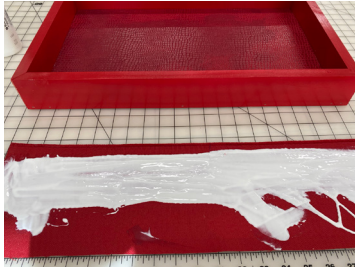
- 1 Create a frame with the 1 x 3's and glue the corners.
- 2 Glue the base and the tray frame together.
- 3 Secure the base to the sides with small nails.
- 4 Paint the frame if the color is a lot different than the fabric color.
- 5 Place the frame around the tray base.
- 6 Nail the corners of the frame.
- 7 Nail the frame to the FirmaFlex™ base.





## Cover the Tray Frame with Fabric:

- 1 Cut a strip of fabric to go around the perimeter of the frame plus about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " for overlap.
- 2 The strip will be deep enough to wrap under the tray  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", up the outside of the frame, over the top of the frame, and on the inside of the frame and stop at the top of the tray base on the inside.
- 3 Working one side at a time, apply adhesive to the fabric and adhere to the tray frame.
- 4 At the last corner, cut excess fabric away.
- 5 Wrap the fabric to the tray bottom, fold the corners and miter.



## Complete the Tray:

- 1 Clip the fabric at the top corners to the outside edges of the tray frame.
- 2 Fold to the inside of the frame. Mark and remove excess fabric.
- 3 Apply adhesive to the fabric. Adhere the fabric to the inside edges of the tray.
- 4 Add the cord cleat handles to complete the tray.

