

Resurfacing Butcher Block Counter Tops with PaperIllusion®

The following was derived from a discussion thread on HGTV.com from "Mandie421". You can see her finished project here: <http://www.paperitfun.com/photo-gallery.html>

MATERIALS NEEDED

- PaperIllusion®, your choice
- Butcher Block Counter Top
- Sandpaper
- Bowl w/warm water
- Terry-cloth towel/washcloth
- Wallpaper Primer
- Water-based Polyurethane (non-yellowing)

SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Surface should be clean and free of dirt, grease or mildew.
2. Lightly sand the counter top just enough so you could feel the scuff marks.
3. Wipe off all dust residues.
4. Apply wallpaper primer and let dry.

APPLYING PaperIllusion®

1. Tear PaperIllusion® into irregular pieces.
2. Dip each piece into water; shake off excess water, and then press onto surface, blot with a paper towel to remove excess water.

***TIP:** Start papering the edges of the countertop with the straight edge of the roll(s) first. Then fill in the middle with the torn pieces.

3. Apply another piece, slightly overlapping the edge of the previous piece.
4. Continue to tear, dip and apply PaperIllusion®.
5. When completed, check the entire surface to be sure there are no bumps or air bubbles. Squeegee the paper smooth (with a credit card or some type of smoothing tool) or remove and reapply. Allow to dry for at least 24 hours.

FINISHING

1. Select a water-based polyurethane from your local craft store or home center.
2. Using an all-purpose paintbrush brush on one light coat over PaperIllusion® and let dry (about 1 hour). Repeat this until you have a minimum of 4 coats.

Show Off Your Transformed Counter Tops!

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