

Terrazzo style!

We transformed a tired old desk into a chic workspace.

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QUICK PROJECT GUIDE

Hard labour 2/10
Skill level 2/10
Time needed 1 day

You will need

SHOPPING LIST

- a variety of chalk paint colours; we used Tjhoko Paint in Coral Stone (1L) and Stéffan (500ml) and sample pots (28ml) in Am's Rose Gold, Reddish Mellow, J'co and Comfort Blue
- Rust-Oleum Painter's Touch Gloss Black

TOOLS

- paintbrushes
- G-clamps
- lacquer thinners
- scissors
- kitchen sponge • cloth

Get started...



1 Clean all surfaces of the desk with lacquer thinners and a dry cloth. Let it dry completely and remove the handles from the drawers. Then paint the base of the desk with two coats of Coral Stone, letting the paint dry between coats.



2 Paint the drawer fronts with two coats of Coral Stone, letting the paint dry between coats.

3 Paint the top of the desk with three coats of Stéffan, letting the paint dry between coats.

4 Cut the kitchen sponge into four pieces.



5 Use the sponges and paint from the four sample pots to stamp terrazzo-style splodges on the desktop. Simply push the sponge down and drag it a little to create

an imperfect spot. **6** Spray the handles with two coats of the black spray paint. Allow the paint to dry between coats.

7 Screw the handles back in place once the paint has dried and put the drawers back into the desk. >>

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...and on your nesting tables

The same colourful technique – this time with brushes!

By Annie Sloan



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- 120ml Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Pure
- Annie Sloan Chalk Paint in Duck Egg Blue, Antoinette, Paris Grey, Paloma, Coco, Louis Blue and Burgundy
- 120ml Annie Sloan Clear Wax
- small Annie Sloan Chalk Paint Wax Brush
- Annie Sloan Detail Brush Set

TOOLS

- lint-free cloth • jug of water

Annie Sloan's top tip!

Work quickly without worrying too much about the marks you're making. Load your brush with plenty of paint, push down on the heel of the brush and then lift up (see pic 2).

Get started...

1 Apply two coats of Annie Sloan Pure, if the surface of your table isn't white; on a smooth surface, try a large Annie Sloan Flat Brush. Then use a small Annie Sloan Flat Detail Brush and Duck Egg Blue to paint random splodges across the surface. Don't overthink it – the beauty is in the imperfections, much like the marble chips in terrazzo. Take some marks over the edge of your surface to mimic cut terrazzo.



2 Use Annie Sloan Antoinette to add more splodges. These shouldn't touch your first marks and their spacing should be irregular. Simply dab your brush in any spot where you see a white space.



3 Continue adding splodges using Annie Sloan Paris Grey, Paloma, Coco, Louis Blue and Burgundy. Repeat until you run out of white space. The marks will be thicker and more raised in places – this will add texture to the finished table. Once you're happy with the ratio of dots to white space, leave the surface to dry thoroughly. Seal your table by applying two coats of Annie Sloan Clear Wax with a small Chalk Paint Wax Brush or a lint-free cloth.



4 Buff with a lint-free cloth if you want your tabletop to have a light sheen; don't buff if you prefer a matte finish. Now try this stunning effect on a wall, a floor – anything you fancy! 🏠