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Making a Paper Pattern

Materials:

- Kraft brown paper (rolled not folded)
- glass cutter/pencil crayon
- tape measure
- masking tape (wide)

Step-by-Step Procedure:

Step 1:

Cut the Kraft brown to the approximate dimensions of the table. Place the paper on the table surface.

Step 2:

Cut a few small squares of paper (approxiamtely 1" square) out of the middle of the paper. Place a piece of wide masking tape over each hole.
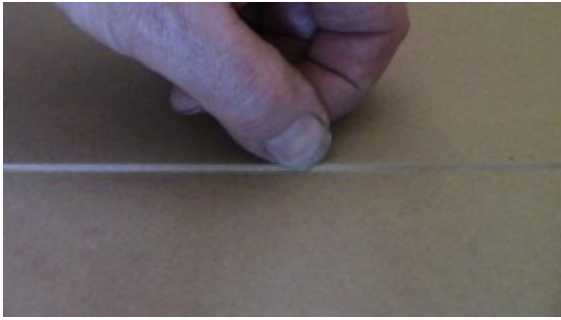This secures the paper to the table so that it will not move while you are making the pattern.

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Step 3:

Go around the entire table with your finger nail, creasing the paper where you want the glass to sit.

It is highly recommended that glass sit along the highest edge of the table. This does not allow for any overhang. Overhang is not a good idea because when people stand up from the table, they can tip the glass up.
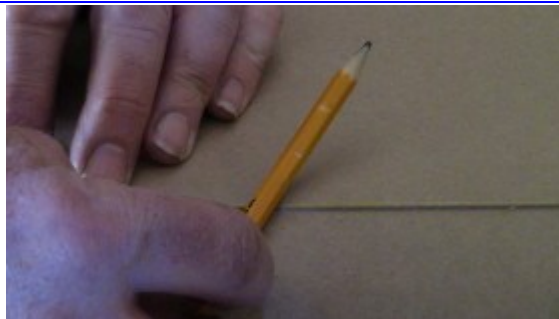
Step 4:

Go around the entire table with a glass cutter or pencil crayon, transferring the paint from it to the brown paper.

This makes a very clear line to cut from.

If using a pencil crayon, choose a darker colour. The paint shows up a lot better than the lighter colours. This is why a regular pencil is not recommended.

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Step 5:

ROLL the pattern and put a piece of tape on the rolled paper to hold.
It is very important to roll patterns and not fold them. Folding a pattern can result in a change of size.

Step 6:

Take overall measurements of the table. Measure length and width in the center of each. Write these measurements on the paper pattern.
Paper patterns can change over time by approximately 1/8" in different humidity or room temperature.

Watch the video at www.glassguild.com for more details!