

Transform your tabletops, bars into impressive works of art

Imagine creating a permanent "tablecloth" that will never need laundering or embedding your favorite sports photos in your bar top or table tops. Using the special effects of thick-building, crystal clear Circa 1850 Nu-Lustre-55 two-part epoxy you can add creative and artistic flair to any of your coating and finishing projects.

Among all finished interior wood surfaces, tabletops, bar tops and desks come into the most contact with all sorts of liquids and therefore require finishes that offer the greatest possible protection. With this optimal protection comes the endless possibilities for creating personal decorative treasures.

According to Eric Chaimberg of Swing Paints, Canada's leading manufacturer of wood finishing products, possibly the most protective finish of all is the company's Circa 1850 Nu-Lustre-55 two-part epoxy, which has the added advantage of building to such thickness that decorative objects can be embedded in it if desired. "This is a great way to create works of art with your tabletops, bar top, desks or craft projects as the two-part epoxy has the capability to embed photographs, coins, newsprint or anything you can come up with in its finish" he added. "There is really no limit to what you can create."

For example, one coat of high-

gloss Circa 1850 Nu-Lustre-55 finish is about 1/16-inch thick – the equivalent of 55 coats of varnish. It's a two-part epoxy that is poured over a chosen surface. It self-levels to a smooth finish in just a few minutes and stays crystal clear. It may be applied over almost any surface, rough or smooth. Leather, wood, varnish, ceramics, rocks, dried flowers, shells are just some of the items you can cover. It cures to a thick, high gloss coat in about 24 hours. One coat is usually all that is needed to produce the desired finish.

Design ideas and directions:

Magazine and newspaper clippings or photos – After the item has been mounted to the surface, seal the entire plaque with a solution of four parts white glue and one part water. This will prevent the item from becoming translucent. Wait three to four hours before applying Circa 1850 Nu-Lustre-55.

Craft items– Circa 1850 Nu-Lustre-55 can make any craft project come to life. You can protect your favorite puzzle with its high-gloss crystal clear finish. Use it to simulate water and create that floral design that will last a lifetime. Or you can even add universal tinting colours and give a tired, old bathroom counter a marbled faux finish. For more information or tips on finishing visit www.circa1850.com.

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