

## THE BIGGEST QUILTING TABLE IN YOUR HOUSE . . .

### . . . is your dining-table!

Many dining-tables are extendible by separating the two halves of the top and inserting an extra leaf or leaves. If yours is, then maybe the handyperson in your life, or the one next door, could make you the proud and happy owner of a very large and comfortable quilting table.



The idea is simple . . . make a cheap imitation of the extra leaf and then cut a hole in it to accommodate your favourite sewing machine, with the machine's needle plate level with the table top.

Two provisos need to be satisfied . . . firstly some way to support the machine below the level of the table top . . . and secondly, that you and the family will be happy to eat on the space left around the machine and modified leaf!

Our dining-table top is in two halves which, when pulled open, reveal the table sub-framework and support for two spare leaves stored under the top.

In use, a leaf, or both, and the top halves locate together with pegs in holes and are then firmly locked together with spring catches.

Yours may be similar and if so, you're half way there; even if perhaps you have to store spare leaves elsewhere, there will still be sub-framework under the top to allow the extension of the top and to support the inserted leaf.

The basic idea is to use this framework to support a firm board to go under the sewing machine, and then to fit a false, modified leaf to fill the space around the machine at the table-top level.

The downloads describe how you might do this for your dining table; ours now provides Judith with 12 square feet of table to the left of her machine and a further 7½ sq ft to her right!

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