

Vintage Plates 3-Tiered Dessert Tray

This is a wonderful, fun project you'll be very proud. Use your Grandmothers vintage plates or plates you've picked up for pennies at a garage sale. Grab a few items from the hardware store and you have yourself a unique 3-Tiered Dessert Tray. So, let's get started.

SUPPLIES:

- 1/Three vintage plates in descending sizes. For example, a 12" dinner plate, an 8" or 9" salad plate and a small saucer about 4" to 5".
 - 2/One All-Thread Lamp Pipe about 12" to 15". You can buy a 30" and plan on cutting it in half
 - 3/Drill and a "Glass And Tile Drill Bit, 3/8".
 - 4/2-in-1 Canopy Kit/Blank-up Kit/Or a lamp base
 - 5/Finial, 1-3/8"
 - 6/1/8-IP Locknuts
 - 7/Lock-up Kit
- (Don't be intimidated by the names of these items. Most can be found right in your lamp section at the hardware store).

Directions:

- 1/Once you've chosen your vintage plates, find the center.
- 2/Drill a hole in the center using your glass and tile drill bit. You can use a bit of oil and a couple drops of water to keep area workable. Once the drill has gone through the plate turn it over and drill from the back.
- 3/Get your lamp pipe and stick it into the center of the lamp base or Canopy Kit. Use a nut to secure it on the bottom. That's the base of your Dessert Tray.
- 4/Working from the top of the pipe thread your largest plate down to the base. Use a nut on top of that to secure it.
- 5/Put another nut (this will end up on the bottom of medium plate) on pipe by threading it to area where next plate will go. Then working from the top of the pipe thread your medium sized plate to the approximate middle of the pipe. Secure it on the bottom of the medium plate with the nut you just put on.
- 6/Put another nut (this will end up on bottom of smallest plate) on pipe. Then thread the smallest plate on pipe. Secure nut below that. Then put another nut on top plate if you feel it's needed (or in case the hole you've made isn't perfect, it can hide our mistakes!).
- 7/Thread the finial onto the very top of the pipe.
- 8/Add some of your favorite treats and show off your new masterpiece!

This project is perfect for those of us who have extra plates sitting around the house. Or maybe you found plates you love at an estate sale or garage sale but you don't need them as dinner plates! What a great idea! Turn them into something useful instead of keeping them boxed away in the garage.

Good Luck,

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