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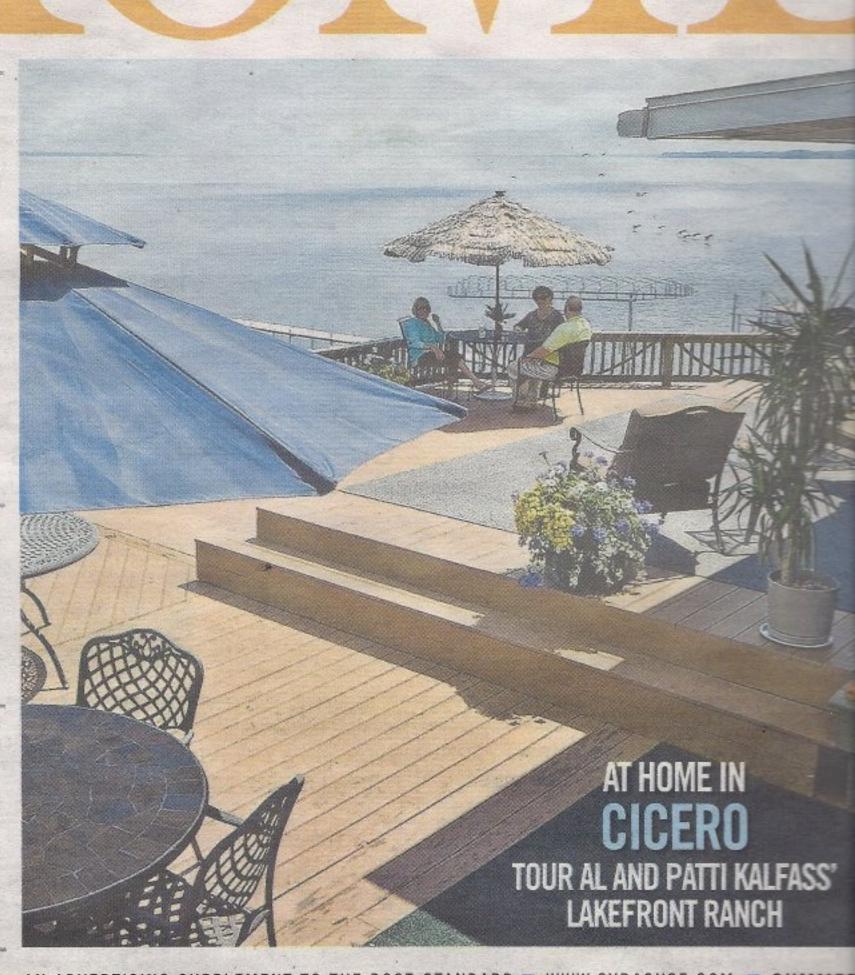


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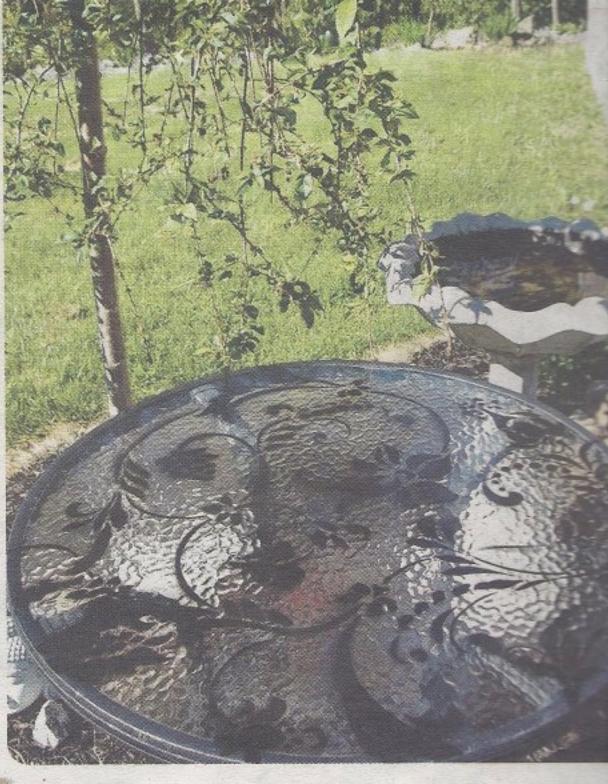
you can FIND a stencil, adhesive spray and exterior black paint at your local home improvement store.

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turns an ordinary patio table into an elegant piece.







Put a new spin on your patio table top

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eed some pizzazz for your patio?

Skaneateles decorative artist Heather BrunoSears says a few simple steps and a splash
of paint can turn your glass tabletop into a
stunning sensation.

"Glass is an interesting medium to work with as it can be approached from both sides," says Bruno-Sears.

This 7-year-old bistro table was in desperate need of attention. Battered by the weather, the first thing you notice about the piece is its aging metal base. Bruno-Sears decided to give the table a make-over by painting a pattern on the glass bottom.

The pattern gives the impression that the glass sits atop of elegant, wrought iron grillwork.

Placing the design under the table also protects the painted surface.

"This particular pattern and treatment draws attention away from the base and adds to the overall beauty of the piece," she says.

Bruno-Sears used a Mylar stencil template and paint (found at your local home improvement store). After carefully taking the glass out of the table, she taped the stencil in place (or you can use adhesive spray to temporarily adhere the stencil to the glass). Then, in a light, sweeping motion, she sprayed exterior black paint over the exposed areas of the design.

Once the exposed areas were painted, she carefully removed the stencil and let the paint dry thoroughly before re-assembling the table.



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