

Glass Table Top Guide

Where to Use It & How to Care for It

Tempered glass table tops are a popular choice for protecting furniture surfaces while adding a clean, modern look to any space. This guide covers the most common applications and the simple care routine that keeps glass looking clear for years.

Where You Can Use a Glass Table Top

Dining Tables — A glass top protects wood or laminate dining surfaces from scratches, heat marks, and spills, while keeping the table's original finish visible underneath.

Coffee & End Tables — Living room tables see frequent daily use — glass tops resist water rings from drinks and are easy to wipe clean.

Office Desks — A glass surface protects desks from ink, coffee stains, and the wear of daily paperwork and equipment.

Outdoor & Patio Furniture — Tempered glass holds up well to sun exposure and won't warp, crack, or fade the way some wood or resin surfaces can over time.

Vanities & Side Tables — A glass overlay keeps decorative or antique furniture protected without hiding the piece underneath.

Display & Buffet Tables — Glass tops are ideal where surfaces are handling plates, trays, or serving pieces on a regular basis.

How to Care for Your Glass Table Top

Clean with the right products — Use a standard glass cleaner or a mix of warm water and mild dish soap. Avoid abrasive powders or scouring pads, which can dull the surface over time.

Use a soft cloth — Microfiber or a soft lint-free cloth prevents micro-scratches that build up with rougher materials like paper towels over repeated use.

Wipe spills promptly — Liquids left to sit — especially acidic ones like citrus juice or wine — can leave residue if not cleaned up in a reasonable time.

Avoid direct high heat — Tempered glass is heat-resistant, but placing extremely hot cookware directly on the surface without a trivet or pad is not recommended.

Lift, don't drag — When moving items across the glass, lift them rather than sliding — this prevents fine surface scratches, particularly from ceramics or metal.

Check edges periodically — Inspect polished or beveled edges occasionally for chips, especially on tables that get moved or repositioned often.

Use felt pads under decor — Placing felt or rubber pads under vases, lamps, or frequently moved decor items reduces scuff marks and point pressure.
