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"It's so satisfying to dust off a quirky item and find a way to give it new life. Don't be afraid to mix it in with your more modern pieces."

REBECCA ROBERTSON,
senior home editor

A FOLDABLE COT makes most people think *backache*. Rebecca Robertson thought *coffee table*. Typical. The daughter of antiques dealers, she's programmed to see hidden possibilities. Like the time she realized that four 18-by-26-inch baking sheets fit nicely atop her spare military cot. To create the table at left, she just painted the parts—stainless steel, canvas, and all. "I like how it has distinct sections, and how during a party you can bring the trays into the kitchen and load them up with *hors d'oeuvres*."



A TABLE TURNED Your dad might have one of these wood-and-canvas military cots kicking around his attic. If not, nab one on eBay. They're cheap to ship because they fold, and easy to update with

some oil-based paint. Use a muted palette, as we did, or paint each tray a different bold color. Standard Army cot, about \$125, ebay.com. Bowery Kitchen Supplies trays, \$12 each, store.bowerykitchen.com. Fine Paints of Eu-

rope semigloss paint, \$40 per liter, in E8-37 (cot) and E8-43 (trays), janovic.com for stores. Jasper Van Der Hurd 6-by-9-foot "Alhambra" carpet, \$2,700, vanderhurdstudio.com. For additional credits, see page 142.

