

Blue-Beard Pantomime Toy Book

McLoughlin Bro's, N.Y., circa 1890

To Scale for 1:12 Dollhouses

Paper Minis Book Club Prod. No. bc002



Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Small detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat. Cardboard does not make a good mat, for it will rough up the blade's cuts.
- 2 small black binder clips
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- A glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paintbrush to apply glue
- Thin nail file or tool that is slender, ridged and long



1. **Please follow these instructions carefully!** Cut the windows from the page panels before cutting out the page strips. Blade tool must be new and extra sharp. After cutting windows, cut out all other pieces. Make sure to cut the elliptical slits on the edge of each window page. Use **detailing scissors to cut the book cover**. The lamination makes it too slippery to cut with a blade and straightedge ruler.



2. Fold page panels, side tabs and tabs found at bottom and top of the window pages. Use a straightedge ruler to get perfect creases.



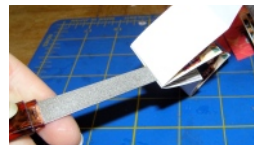
3. Glue the two page panel tabs to the back of the respective page panels. Use a glue stick to make the bond. While glueing, stand the long strip on its bottom edge to make sure the seamed panels are perfectly aligned.



4. Take the artist paintbrush and paint a light even coat of glue to the first window panel's tabs.



5. Press the gluey tabs to the blank surface of the opposite page as shown here. Clean off edges.



6. Carefully insert the nail file into the pocket made from pressing the two pages. Do not accidentally tear the window. The purpose is to separate the panels in case the glue has over-flowed its boundaries. Repeat the last few steps for the two remaining window pages.



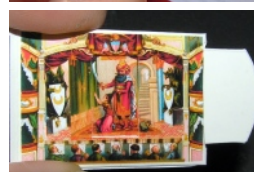
7. Move now to the book's cover and fold the perimeter tabs as shown. Try to create the folds exactly along the fold lines. Use the metal straightedge ruler to press a clean straight crease.



8. Take the paintbrush and brush glue to inside surfaces of the perimeter tabs. Ensure the corner diagonal seams butt up to one another. Hold in place with your fingers if you must until dry to minimize any gap. After glue has completely dried, use the straightedge ruler and press creases along both edges of the spine area of the cover.



9. Slide the inserts into their appropriate pocket.



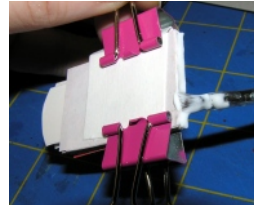
10. Pull-out the tab through the slit as far as possible for all three inserts.



11. Next, carefully add a layer of glue stick to the back side of each pair of pages—work on one pair at a time. Press the bond carefully to ensure the raw edges of the pages are aligned as perfectly as possible. **DO NOT PAINT GLUE TO END BOARDS!**



12. This is how the pages should appear. The window panels are supposed to be more narrow than the text pages in order to accommodate the pull-out tabs.



13. Pinch the fan-folded pages in the binder clips leaving the spine side exposed. To prevent the clips from denting the book's pages, sandwich a lightweight piece of cardboard between the clips and the book. Use the artist's brush to paint a thick even coat of glue to the length of the pages at the spine. Set aside to dry.



14. Take the bundle of pages and make sure that they will fit squarely into the book cover. Then paint glue to the back sides of the end boards and spine area. Use plenty of glue so that it does not dry immediately, this will give you extra time to position the pages into the book cover. Carefully place the pages inside the book's cover and smooth out the bond. Last step is to slide on the dust jacket.

