

**McLoughlin Bros. Book-of-the-Month
Dollhouse Bookcase ~ Scale is close to 1:144
Paper Minis, Prod. No. bc626**



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READ INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE STARTING ASSEMBLY

Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade(s)
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Wide clear packing tape or double-sided tape
- Tweezers and detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat (cardboard will ruin your blades **and** project)
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- Clear Gel strong Tacky Glue
- Toothpick for spreading bonding gel
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Flat artist brush for applying glue to walls and small water container.
- Sharp pencil
- Very fine grit sandpaper

On-line tutorial found at: <http://www.paperminis.com/tutorial-library/kit-tutorials/bc626-mcloughlin-bookcase-web.pdf>



1. Make homemade carbon paper by scribbling a layer of pencil carbon on the back surface of the lines used for shelf placement.



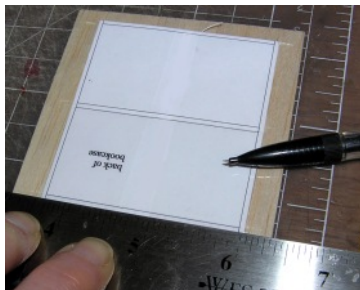
4. Use the straight-edge and the X-acto knife to cut out the bookcase back panel.



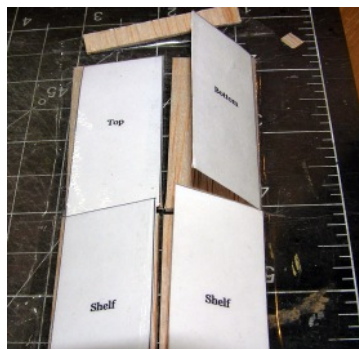
2. Use double-faced tape or wide clear packing tape to carefully tape down patterns securely over balsa wood on the cutting mat. Let the static electricity attach the paper to the packing tape then position pattern over balsa wood.



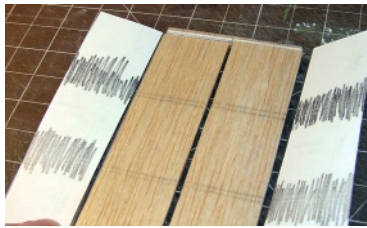
5. Move to the shelves panel. Cut away the top and bottom extra length.



3. Use a straight-edge ruler and imprint the shelf guides onto the balsa wood. Use something like the thin point pencil tip to make the imprints.



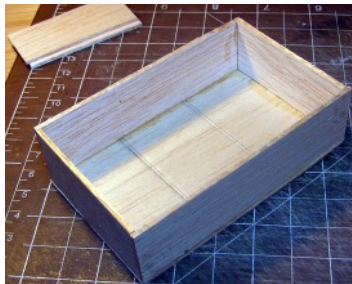
6. Cut down the middle length. Then carefully cut the horizontal line. Pull back the pattern pieces.



7. Repeat the same steps for the panels that make the sides of the bookcase. Remember to imprint the shelf guides before cutting the balsa wood.



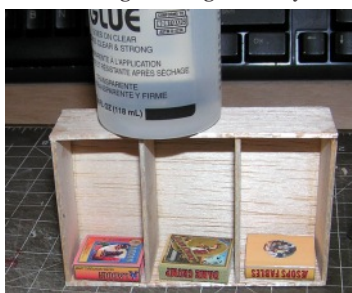
8. Using the Clear Gel Tacky Glue, glue one side firmly on top of the bookcase backing. Make sure your guides match up before glueing. Use plenty of glue and wipe away excess. Hold the side in place until it dries. This is where patience will pay off. Repeat for the second side.



9. Size the panels for the top and bottom of the bookcase. these will fit between the sides. Do not force the fit or you will dislodge the sides. If the pieces are too wide, cut a sliver off using the X-acto knife or sand using the fine grit sandpaper. Glue into place once the size is perfect.



10. Cut out and fold pieces as shown while waiting for the glue to dry.



10. Make sure that the shelves are evenly spaced and that each shelf can accommodate the books' height. Place a relatively heavy object on the side to prevent any bowing of the balsa wood while the glue is drying.



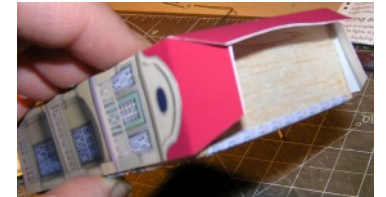
11. First, fit the ceiling pieces and the kitchen flooring. If the fit is good use the paint brush to paint plenty of the white glue to the under side of the piece. Affix, smooth and wrap edge of wood. Using plenty of glue will enable you to slide and position the piece with ease.



12. Fit the two rugs. If the fit is good, paint underside of paper and glue into place.



13. Size the wallpaper's height. Trim if necessary. Paint plenty of glue on the back side. Start adhering from one side wrapping the wall's opening about 1/8" to cover bare wood face. Work your way to the other side little by little. Wrap the other wall's edge to cover bare wood face.



14. Fit the outer shell. Paint glue to the large back panel and adhere to wood, working it into perfect position. Allow to dry. Glue sides, smoothing as you go. Glue down tabs at roof and base.

15. Glue top and base panels in place.

16. Place finishing dots over intersections of wall to floor.