

Quarter Inch Americana Dollhouse 1:48 Paper Minis, Prod. No. t1iso19

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.
- Clear packing 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 and shallow bowl for pouring glue
- Glue stick
- Clear Gel strong Tacky Glue and toothpick for spreading gel.
- Flat artist brush and small point artist brush for applying glue to walls and furniture parts.
- Small piece of fine grit sandpaper.
- Mechanical pencil with removable eraser to use as plate embosser.
- Wire cutters

On-line tutorial found at:

<http://www.paperminis.com/tutorial-library/kit-tutorials/t1iso19-qtr-inch-americana-cottage-part1.pdf>
<http://www.paperminis.com/tutorial-library/kit-tutorials/t1iso19-qtr-inch-americana-cottage-part2.pdf>

READ BEFORE STARTING ASSEMBLY



Use clear packing tape to secure the pattern pieces to the balsa wood and cutting mat as shown. Use a new blade in an X-acto knife. Cut carefully and make sure the pieces do not move. Re-tape as necessary.

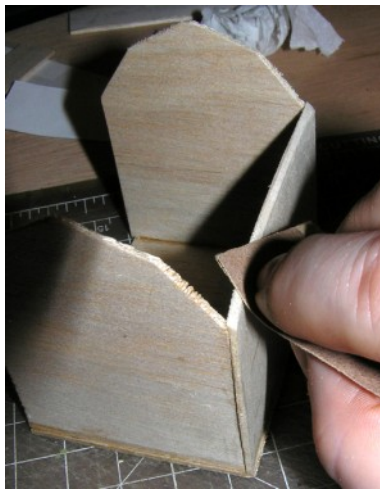


Make sure to keep the patterns and pieces in order. Proper assembly requires the pieces to be used in strict sequence.



This is the step that requires your greatest patience. Use the fast dry clear gel glue to glue the wood pieces together. Either hold each piece together manually until dry or use items to hold them upright. Don't proceed until the glue is completely dry. **NOTE WALLS REST ON TOP OF FLOOR.**

IF YOU RUSH THIS PROCESS YOU WILL BE DISAPPOINTED!



Glue back wall into place. When dry, use the fine grit sandpaper to create a 45 degree slant. Place the roof piece against the slant to see if it has been sanded down enough. **NOTE BACK WALL IS ON TOP OF FLOOR AND LEFT AND RIGHT WALLS BUTT AGAINST BACK WALL.**



Center the back roof piece and then glue in place. The overhang should be the same on all 3 sides. Allow to dry.



Center and glue the next roof piece. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly.



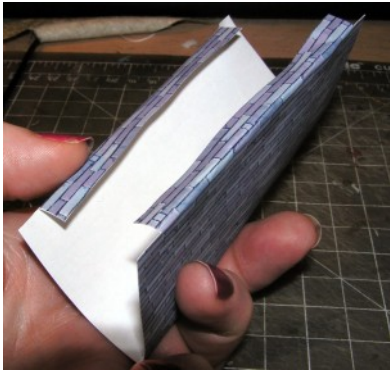
Glue the third roof piece into place, and allow to dry.



Glue the final roof piece in place. Let the glue dry.



Paint glue to the piece for the front of the house. Smooth carefully. Roll edges to overlap sides and underside.



Fit the roof piece to the house. When you are happy that all will line up, start the glue process. Mix the fast grab white glue in a little bowl with a bit of water. When glueing paper to wood you want to have time to position the paper. Thinning the glue allows you some repositioning time.

NOTE: it is important to apply each piece as outlined in these instructions. If not, your finished product will not be good.



Glue side piece. You will want to fit piece before painting glue to it. Make sure you use the correct side! Wrap the edge around the opening and the under side.



Apply the floor next. Make sure you have tested the fit for each piece before painting the glue. A big dry fluffy paint brush is great for smoothing a newly applied piece.



Start at the back of the house and curl the paper under the roof eave.



Next step is to glue the wallpaper for the back wall.

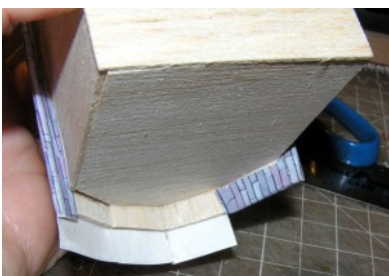


Use a ruler's edge to help you get the underside straight and smooth. Continue to smooth and press the roof all the way to the front. Use the ruler again to the underside of the eave on the front of the house.



Apply the side wall.

Glue the other side as well.



Use scissors to snip at each roof piece juncture. Press to the underside of the eave one at a time. You may need to trim a little, but be careful not to over trim. Do this for both sides.



Last is the ceiling. folding it prior to glueing it in place makes it a much easier step.



Glue the base panel in place.



Glue footboard.



Create the chimney pieces as shown. When assembling the cap, glue the tiny side tabs before folding in and glueing the flaps.

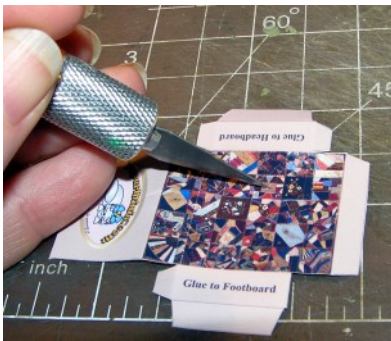
NOTE: ALWAYS FOLD AGAINST THE EDGE OF A METAL RULER TO GET THE STRAIGHTEST AND BEST FOLDS.



Glue cap on the chimney. Glue chimney onto roof.



Fold and glue pillow back sides together. Fold the tab along the pillow before inserting the tab in the slit.



Cut the bed mattress. Cut a slit for the pillow tab before making the box.

Glue the mattress with the fast grab white glue. You want to make the cube as perfect as possible. All sides need to make right angles, so work it as perfectly as possible while the glue is still wet.

NOTE: Use the fast grab white glue from here on unless otherwise stated.



Glue lampshade tab to form shade. Roll lamp base. Use a pencil or dowel to get a good curve. Make it the same diameter as the shade top opening. Place bead on base and glue. Allow glue to dry.



Fold the head and footboards in half and glue with glue stick. You will have two flat pieces. Allow to dry, then cut the legs' detailing.

Use fast grab gel to glue headboard as shown. Get it straight!



Glue shade to bead.



Accordion fold the pages of a book.



Use a glue stick to glue the pages back to back. Leave the end boards free. Repeat for the other two books.



Position the pages on the book cover. Use the glue stick to glue end boards to the appropriate cover.

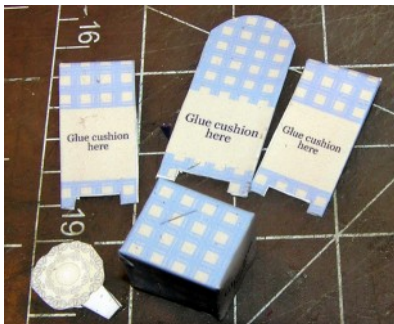


Cut and fold the seat piece of the chair. Make a slit for the pillow tab. Do not make it too close in the corner.



Use the fast grab white glue to make the cube. You want to make the cube as perfect as possible. All sides need to make right angles, so work it as perfectly as possible while the glue is still wet.

Fold the back, sides and pillow pieces as perfect as possible. Glue blank sides together with glue stick. Allow to dry.



Trim the pieces with detailing scissors and X-acto knife. Fold the arm rests at the dotted lines.



Use the clear gel glue and glue the seat to the back. Make sure you follow the guidelines carefully or you will have a wobbly chair.



Glue the sides as shown with clear gel then insert the pillow.



Make the cube for the bedside chest, again make it as square and stable as possible. Use the fast grab white glue.

For the chest top, fold under the tabs found around the chest top and glue into place. Press on it occasionally so the edges do not turn up while the glue is drying.



Glue the top to the chest.



Detail cut the face of the cuckoo clock. FYI, there is an on-line tutorial at Paper Minis for learning how to detail cut nooks and crannies.



Glue the face onto the box.