

book27~ Beatrix Potter Nursery Collection Assembly Instructions (1:12)



Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade. Projects can be cut with scissors if you prefer.
- A thin metal straightedge ruler can be used to make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers are good for holding and pressing glue bonds.
- A cotton swab is also a useful tool for pressing glue bonds.
- Use a good cutting mat. Cardboard used as a substitute cutting mat will ruin your blade and your project will have rough edges.
- The best glue to use is a fast-grab, quick-dry, white craft glue that dries clear. Regular craft glue is too soupy to be of help here.
- An acid-free glue stick comes in handy, but only use when specified.
- A small piece of aluminum foil makes a good disposable glue pot.
- A slender artist's paintbrush is a good tool to use to apply glue. Wash the brush in clear water when not in use. Some prefer to use a toothpick, but a brush will give you much more control.
- Beads for canister knobs. The sample uses BBs from the gun department of the local WalMart, and then painted gold.
- Office binder clip for making the books
- Optional:
 - 1 inch round paper punch for cutting plates
 - use an embosser to make plates, or glue paper plate on to wood or ceramic plate "slugs". These are easily found on-line.
 - Coordinated colored acrylic craft paint, if you want to paint the plate slug to match plate design. Samples are painted white. Matte clear finish to paint on plates.

PHOTOS CAN BE FROM OTHER KITS,
BUT THE ASSEMBLY IS THE SAME FOR THIS KIT.



Découpage Plates:

1. Cut out paper plates. A 1" circle punch works very well for this project. Pick a paper plate to begin with and paint plenty of quick-dry glue to back. Hold a few seconds to allow the wet glue to soften paper so that it is pliable.



2. Position paper plate over wood slug. By the way, if you were planning on painting the slugs, it would be wiser to paint them before gluing on the paper plates.



3. Use a smooth surface, such as the flat backside of your fingernail, to lightly burnish the paper plate.



4. Make painting the gloss varnish a much easier task by creating a handle. Take a ball of poster clay and place on the flat end of a pen. Press the plate into the poster clay.



5. Paint plate with varnish. Paint a couple of coats, but wait between coats to allow the varnish to completely dry. Place the pen in a spool of ribbon to hold it upright, or stick into styrofoam. Styrofoam lets you do multiples at one time.



6. It is not imperative you paint the plates with varnish, but you can see by this photo that it does give the design a nice brilliant finish. The one on the left has been coated, the one on the right has not.



Nesting Alpha Blocks:

1. Cut out and fold using a straight-edge ruler.
2. Paint glue to the block's side tab and press firmly



3. Close tops and glue to flaps



4. Completed blocks.



Canisters:

1. Roll canister cylinder to edge of stripe pattern, then glue edge.



2. Glue bottom to canister cylinder.



3. Roll lid to edge of pattern and check fit over canister cylinder. If fit is good, then glue end.

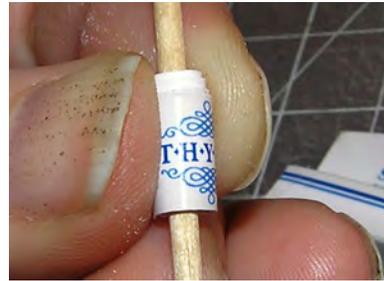


4. Glue lid disk in place.
5. Glue bead in place for the knob.



Reproduction Baby Bar Soap Box

1. Cut and fold piece to logically form shape of bar soap box.
2. Glue the long side tab to the blank interior surface of the box.
3. Fold down the three plain tabs, paint glue to the blank inner surface of the forth large panel and press shut.



Round Ointment Jar:

1. Roll long panel to the beginning of the design and glue end in place to keep from unfurling. Feel free to roll on something such as a B-B-Q skewer.
2. Glue on lid and bottom to paper tube.

Colgate Baby Talc:

1. Shaker button top -- roll to size of gold top disk and glue edge so as not to unfurl. Glue to disk.
2. If your kit included gold foil, glue the gold foil to the button tops before gluing the button to the canister.

Books:

All three books have very similar construction.



The Baby's First Year book and the Christmas Party book both have inter-facing for the covers that serves as reinforcement. The Cecily Parsley's Nursery Rhymes book cover does not have an inter-facing because of its tiny size.



1. Cut out the page strips. Fan fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. Note the direction of the fold to start and. The original kit page has the proper fold directions.



- Use the glue stick and carefully add a layer of glue to the back side of the strip. **DO NOT PAINT GLUE TO BACKS OF THE 'END BOARDS'** that are located at each end of a strip.

This is the final step that requires the use of the glue stick.



- One-by-one, press the blank sides of the pages together. Be careful to align the raw edges of the pages as perfectly as possible. **NOTE:** the 'end boards' are not included in the gluing.



- Move now to the book's cover and fold the four perimeter tabs. Make sure the interfacing panel fits perfectly. Glue the interfacing panel with a glue stick. Reminder: small book does not have an interfacing.

- Paint glue to the four perimeter 'tabs' and press down. Allow to dry.



- Use the straight-edge ruler and press creases along both edges of the spine area.



- Hold the first group of pages together with the small black office clip. You might want to place a folded bit of cardboard under the pinch of the black clip to avoid dents in the pages.

- Paint glue to the spine side of the page edges. Allow to dry thoroughly. Repeat for other 2 groups of pages.



- Do a trial fitting of the book pages into the cover, so you can estimate where to start the positioning with glue. Paint glue to the blank side of the 'end boards' and the spine and position carefully on the inside of the book cover. Flatten out edges. Use plenty of glue so you can easily move it into position.



Puppet Theater

- Cut and fold pieces as shown here in the photo.



- Use a tiny hole punch (1/16 or 1/8) to punch holes at black marks. Alternatively, use an X-act blade to drill a small hole at black marks.



- Glue blank sides together of the top ridge artwork. Cut semi-circle once the glue is dry.

- Glue corner tabs of the back box and front box. Use tweezers to press good bonds.

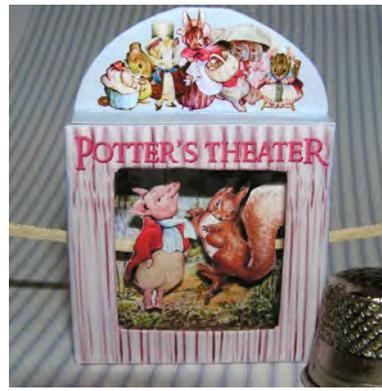


- Glue bunny scene to inside of the theater's back box.

- Glue the splayed base of the top's artwork to the top of the theater's box.



7. Slip the back box into the front box.



the front opening of the theater and thread through holes.

11. photos display the front and back of completed theater.



8. Glue the toothpicks to the backs of the puppet characters as shown.



9. Snip off a bit of the toothpick with an X-acto blade.

10. Slip the toothpicks into



Toy Trunk

1. Fold item at all fold lines You will see shape of the trunk appear when folds are in place.
2. Use an artist's brush and paint glue to side tabs and glue to interior surfaces of trunk. Do the same to the lid as well.
3. Fold down side linings and glue into place.
4. Take the smaller rectangle and glue to inside of the box bottom. Size it before glueing.
5. Take the larger rectangle and glue to inside of the box lid. Size it before glueing.
6. There is a loose tab at the back long side of the lid. Glue it to the outside surface of the box bottom. It acts as the hinge for the trunk's top.



Reading Lamp

1. Roll lamp barrel and glue edge.
2. Glue barrel top and base into place
3. Glue lamp shade tab.
4. Take cross bars and glue at mid-sections to create a perfect cross.
5. Glue middle of cross bars to top of barrel.
6. Fold cross bars' end sections and place a dot of glue to each end.
7. Place lamp shade on glue dots at ends of cross bars.



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