

Book35: 1940s Style Cottage Quarter Inch scale Assembly Instructions



1:12 scale if used as a dollhouse's dollhouse, or of 1:48 scale if used as just a tiny dollhouse



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 and acid-free glue stick.
- Tweezers, scissors, good cutting mat. Cardboard will ruin your blades **and** project
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear and piece of aluminum foil for pouring glue
- Strong Tacky Glue and toothpick for spreading for balsa wood. The stronger the glue and the fastest it dries is your best buy.
- Flat, thin artist's brush, and small point artist brush for applying glue to walls and furniture parts.
- Small piece of very fine grit sandpaper.
- Mechanical pencil with removable eraser to use as plate embosser.
- Bead for lamp light bulb



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.

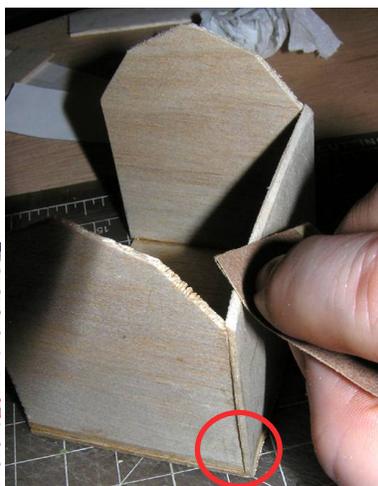


Make sure to keep the patterns and pieces in order. Proper assembly requires the pieces to be used in strict sequence.



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.

Please be patient with this process! Do not rush! Let each piece dry before moving to the next. Add extra lines of glue to reinforce the seams when you are done with the structure.



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. DO NOT MIX UP THE ROOF PIECES!!



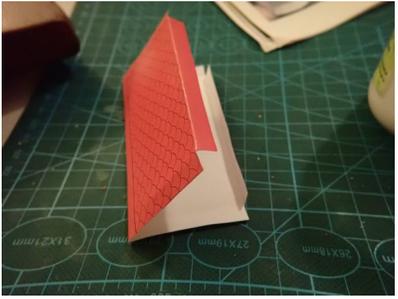
Center and glue the next roof piece. Allow the glue to dry thoroughly.



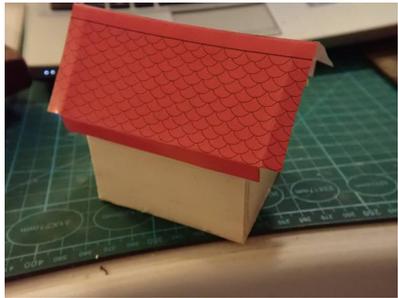
Glue the third roof piece into place, and allow to dry.



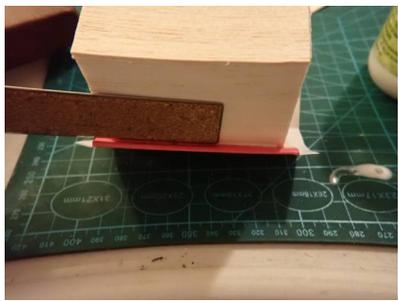
Glue the final roof piece in place. Let the glue dry.



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 or jar 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. Use plenty of glue to both the paper and the wood so you can easily slide the panel to get the best positioning.



NOTE: it is important to apply each piece exactly as outlined in these instructions. Hold the cottage gently throughout this construction so as not to break a wood seam. Once the glued paper is dry the structure will be very sound and strong.



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



Use a ruler's edge or dry artist's brush 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.



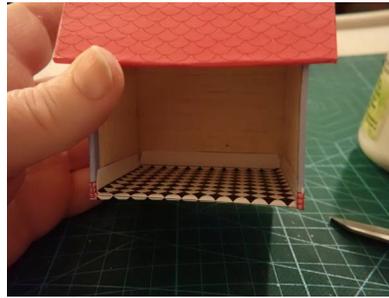
Use scissors to snip at each roof panel juncture. Press to the underside of the eave one at a time. You may need to trim a little, but be careful not to over trim. Do this for both sides. If by chance you come up short on one side, use some craft paint to fill in the space.



Paint glue to the piece for the front of the house. Smooth carefully. Cover corners and edges with the extra width and length of the piece. The design is made so there are no edges to pop up later.



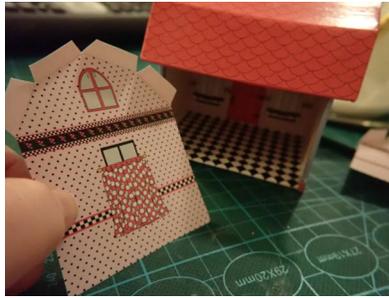
Glue side piece. You will want to fit piece before painting glue to it. Make sure you use the correct right and left sides! Wrap the edge around the room opening and the under side. In other words, the back edge is flush and the front edge wraps into the interior of cottage.



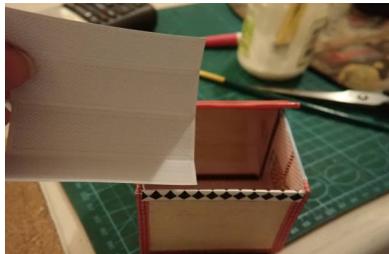
Apply the floor next. Make sure you have tested the fit for each piece before painting the glue. A big dry fluffy paint brush is great for smoothing and positioning the panels.



Next step is to glue the wallpaper for the back wall. A dry paint brush will help to position the wall. Use lots of glue so you can slide the piece into place.



Apply the inside wall. Glue the other inside as well.



Fold the ceiling panel at designated lines. Then glue ceiling in place. Use lots of glue so you can slide it in place easily.



Glue the base panel in place.



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.



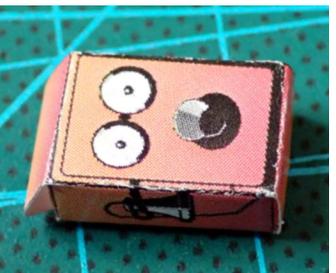
Glue cap on the chimney. Glue chimney onto roof.



Glue lampshade tab to form shade. Roll lamp base. Use a pencil or dowel to get a good curve. Make it so the pearl fits and the shade fits on the pearl. Place bead on base and glue. Allow glue to dry.



Glue shade to bead.



Fold the phone into a box and glue tabs.



Accordion fold the pages of a book.



Use a glue stick to glue the pages back to back. **Leave the end boards unglued.** 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 pieces for the love seat and arm chair. Cut a small slit in the seat of both chairs. The flat stand-up "pillows" will be inserted in the slits. Do not make the slits too close in the corner of the seat or the pillows will not fit.



Use the fast grab white glue to make the seat cube. You want to make the cube as perfect as possible. All sides need to make right angles, so work it against the table surface for each side. This way the chairs will not wobble.



Glue flat pieces with blank sides together. Trim any white that didn't line up from the curved pieces.

Fold the chairs' arms where designated (see photo) and glue the cubes onto the chairs' backs. Make sure you follow the guidelines carefully or you will have a wobbly chair.



Glue the sides as shown, then insert the pillow.



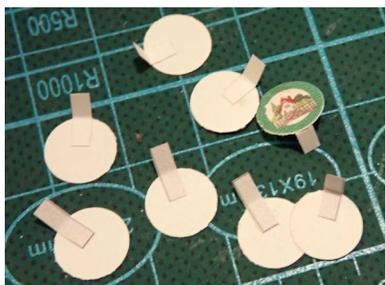
Cut and fold window valances as shown in the photo.



Glue the corner tabs to the inside blank surface at the adjacent side. You should end up with an open box with checker panels up top.



Fold the checkered panels into the inside of the box. Glue in place.

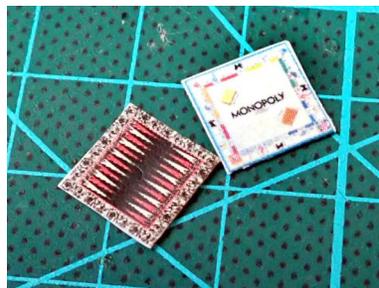


If it is easier for you, glue one of the little strips included in the kit to the back of each plate.

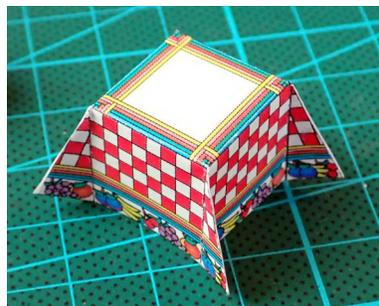
Note: You can emboss these tiny plates if you wish. Use a ball tipped clay tool to press a center, or use the eraser end of a pencil to ruffle the plate edge around. If you have a mechanical pencil with removable eraser, this might work best for you.



Fold back the tags on the plates and use them to glue to the top of the valances. Next, glue each valance above each window. The plates are not embossed in the photo. Apologies for the oversight!



Fold game boards in half and glue blank sides together.



Strategically place short slit for bowl of fruit stand-up. Fold table as shown and glue the blank sides of the flared corners.



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