

Festive Table Settings: Easter bookfts3 (1:12 dollhouse scale)



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. No cardboard, for it will ruin your project.
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid-free glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paintbrush to apply glue
- Optional: color felt-tip pens to camouflage paper's white raw edges
- Optional: 1" and 3/4" plate embossers and circle paper punches

For creating yellow chicks and eggs:

- Crayola Model Magic or other self-dry clay compound
- Very fine glitter of various colors and yellow sparkle glitter; and black and yellow craft paint
- Large screw or nail
- Poster clay (used to hang posters to a wall)

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3. I find poster clay very helpful for projects like this one. As shown, use the poster clay as a pad under the chick and a wad to hold the 'work platform'—a large metal screw.



4. Paint chick yellow.



5. Before paint dries, dip chick in yellow glitter. Dip carefully so as not to ruin poster clay for next chick.



6. Used here for chick eyes is an old make-up eyeliner pen dipped in black craft paint.



7. Make tiny eggs with the clay and allow to dry. Dip in slightly watered down glue. Use tweezers to dip egg in sack of glitter. If in a tube, pour a small pile and rotate the egg in the pile using the tweezers.



Faux Marshmallow Chicks and Glitter Eggs

1. Use a self-hardening clay or polymer clay. Make two pieces as shown.



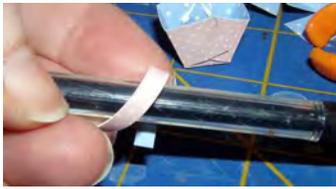
2. Adhere the 'beak' onto the 'tail' base. Allow to harden.



Basket Assembly

1. Cut and fold as shown into 9 sections. Use a straight-edge to press paper against to make creases. This way you don't fight the grain of the paper.

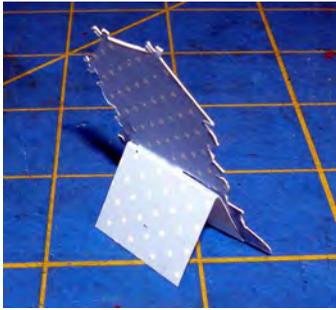
2. Glue into a basket shape. The triangular pieces are inside the basket. Note the square pieces are glued at their peaks.



3. Wrap handle around a thick pen or pencil. This way your handle will have a natural bend and won't accidentally crease. Both small and large baskets are made the same way.

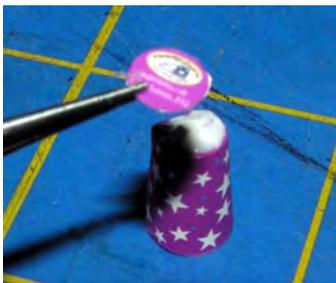


4. Check the fit of the handle on the inside of the basket. Glue one side, allow it to dry, then glue the other side.



Poster Wall Decorations or Stand-up Decorations:

1. Cut around decoration. For your information, a tutorial for detail cutting is located in the PaperMinis.com Tutorial library.
2. Use the pattern and make enough fold-over cards for your poster wall decorations if you want them to stand on a table.
3. Glue the cards to the back of the poster.



Paper Cups (instructions for all table settings)

1. Roll cup around a dowel like a pencil to create a natural curve.
2. Fold tabs along bottom of cup. Try to make their folds all on the same plane.
3. Glue side tab to form body of the cup.
4. Push bottom tabs flat or into cup, then glue to cup bottom.



Plate Embossing (instructions for all table settings)

1. If you don't have a commercial plate embosser, this little tutorial will work for you. The sample here is actually for the larger girl doll scale, but small scale works the same. By the way, you will find the source for 1" and 3/4" plate embossers on the web page for the table settings subscription. Circle 1" and 3/4" paper punches work wonders.



2. The key to homemade plate embossing is to find a medicine bottle or other item with a lid that is the appropriate size for the inner plate ridge of the plate. I have been known to use a seed bead tube, cleaned lip balm casing, cut and cleaned toothpaste cap and tube, etc. Cover with plastic cling wrap if item is greasy/sticky.



3. Place the plate face down on the bottle opening. Center it as well as possible, then use your finger to make an indent. This will help you keep the piece centered.

4. Now press your fitted piece on top of the plate and systematically press it down until the lip of the plate is evenly embossed.

5. A 1:12 scale version works well with an Anbesol bottle and the tube cover of a lipstick.

Optional items: Use your own dishes as slugs for decoupage; eBay.com has them. Use a 1" paper punch for a perfect shapes. Go to Dolly's Gallery website for plate shapers/embossers. dollysgallery.com/minishapers.html

Pitcher

1. Cut out pieces and roll the body of the pitcher.
2. Carefully fold inward the tabs found along the bottom.
3. Paint glue to the long side tab and press firmly to create the cylinder body. Tweezers help.





4. Glue disk to bottom of pitcher. Press down on mat surface to keep the pitcher bottom flat.



5. Take the spout and fold the tabs downward. Notice the spout has been creased slightly.



6. Glue end on spout piece to line to complete the circle.



7. Paint glue to 3 tabs on spout piece, as well as around the opening of the pitcher's body. Firmly position the spout on pitcher's body, making certain the seams are to the back.



8. Create an 'S' shape with the handle.



9. Glue end of 'S' to outside of pitcher's spout. Allow it to dry thoroughly.



10. Glue the other end of the handle to the bottom of the pitcher's body.

11. Finished pitchers. Both are assembled the same way.

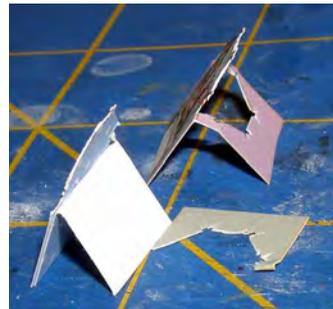


Place Cards:

1. Cut the roof of the Rabbit Shack up to the fold line. Carefully fold in half.



2. If you make a mistake cutting and you separate the Rabbit Shack from the backing, you can make a repair. Cut off the dangling backing from the place card at the fold line.



3. Use the fold over card pattern included in the kit and make as many cards as needed.

4. Glue the fold over card to the back of the place card as shown here.



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Extra needed tools and supplies:

- String flags on thread for banner.
- Round toothpicks for rockets
- Used in the photo for holding rockets in bucket is a blob of poster clay

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Place Cards

1. Cut out hat to the point of the card front.
2. Fold in half and stand up.



Party Horn

1. Roll horn on something round to get a natural curve
2. Create cone shape and glue edge with painted craft glue.



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Bucket Center-piece

1. Cut bucket. Roll piece against a pencil or other cylinder to obtain a good smooth curve.
2. Fold base tabs.
3. Glue side tab
4. Glue tabs to round base disk.

Rockets

1. Create cone top and glue edge.
2. Take a toothpick and roll a rocket body around the end of the toothpick
3. Check size against the cone top made above in step 1. If size is good, use the glue stick to glue the roll end.
4. Glue cone top in place.
5. Take poster clay blob and place in bucket.
6. Snip toothpicks at different lengths to make an aesthetic arrangement, and stick toothpick ends in poster clay.