

## bookfts5-9 ~ Circus Theme Birthday Party Table Setting (1:12 dollhouse scale)



### Required tools and supplies:

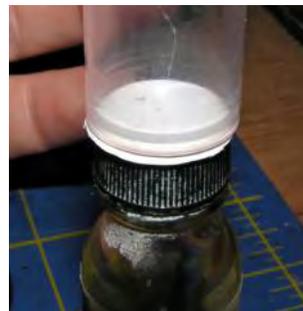
- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Small detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat. No cardboard, for it will ruin your project.
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid-free glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paintbrush to apply glue
- Flat toothpicks for Birthday Circus Elephant Wagon
- Red craft paint

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### Circus Wagon Center-piece

1. Cut all pieces. When cutting elephants, leave pairs together and cut rectangles. Fold in half. Glue halves together with glue stick. Detail cut around each two-sided elephant. Blade works best!
2. Make red and yellow box.
3. Fold wagon exterior as shown-- along the center-point length of each pillar found at each corner.
4. Use the paint brush to paint quick-dry glue to inside of Birthday Circus Wagon exterior. Add a little water to the glue if necessary.
5. Wrap exterior to box. Line up the top of box to straight edges found at top of panel (see photos).
6. Paint two toothpicks red. Glue to side of elephants as shown in photo. Make sure you have glued to the correct side. Snip off toothpick end to make remaining piece a little longer than 1"
7. Place elephant #1 on it's side and glue to wagon. Allow to dry and repeat for other elephant.



### Party Cup

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.
4. Push bottom tabs flat or into cup, then glue to cup bottom.

### Plate Embossing

1. The optimum desired tools are: a 1" paper punch, a 3/4" paper punch, a 1" plate embosser, and a 3/4" plate embosser. See the PaperMinis.com website for source. Otherwise, use scissors to cut and...
2. The key to 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 or sticky. Example is for 1:3 scale.
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.

### Place Cards

1. Cut out animal to the point of the card front.
2. Fold in half and stand up.
3. If you make a cutting error on the back of the card, fix by gluing another piece of paper the same size onto the back.



### Party Horn and Hat

1. Roll horn on something round to get a natural curve.
2. Create cone shape and glue edge with painted craft glue.
3. Follow the same instructions for the party hat.



### Pitcher

1. Cut out pieces and roll the body of the pitcher on a cylinder like a pencil.
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.



4. Glue disk to bottom of pitcher. Press down on table 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.



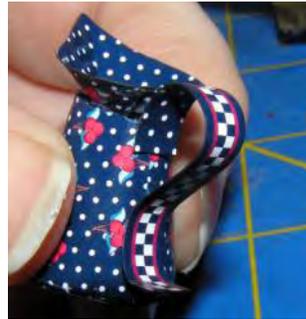
7. Paint glue to 3 tabs on spout piece, as well as around the opening of the pitcher's body. Firmly position the spout on pitcher's body, making certain the seams are to the back.



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.



### Popcorn Box

1. Fold along the length of each corner and glue side tab to inside of box.
2. Fold the tabs found at the base upward and glue into place.



### Gift Box

1. Cut along 6 lines where indicated. Fold white sections to form the triangular points.
2. Fold at all other lines to form a box.
3. Glue box long tab.
4. Return to the triangular points. Glue the box sides under the points. Then glue the triangular points to the box sides.



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## bookfts5-9 ~ Baby Shower Table Setting (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. Carousel poles work best with fast grab bonding glue.
- toothpicks for carousel poles
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paintbrush to apply glue

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### Party Cup

1. Roll cup around a dowel like a pencil to create a natural curve. The cap on the glue bottle is the perfect size for shaping the cups.
2. Fold tabs along bottom of cup. Try to make their folds all on the same plane.
3. Glue side tab.
4. Push bottom tabs flat or into cup, then glue to cup bottom.



### Plate Embossing

1. The optimum desired tools are: a 1" paper punch, a 3/4" paper punch, a 1" plate embosser, and a 3/4" plate embosser. See the PaperMinis.com website for source.



Here is a sample of a paper punch with window for a perfectly aligned cut. I have added a little bit extra colored rim in case you are not able to cut or punch perfectly.

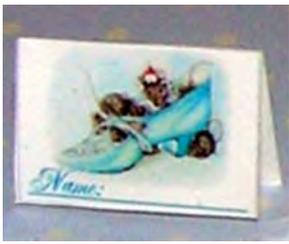


Here is a sample of a plate maker/embosser which easily makes a perfectly ridged border.

If you don't have a punch and/or embosser, then use scissors to cut and...

2. The key to 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 or sticky. Example is for 1:3 scale.
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.





### Place Cards

1. Fold in half and stand up.



### Pitcher

1. Cut out pieces and roll the body of the pitcher on a cylinder like a pencil.

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.



4. Glue disk to bottom of pitcher. Press down on table 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.



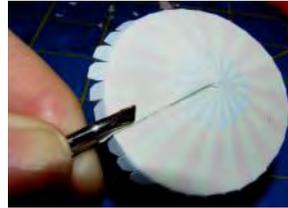
8. Create an 'S' shape with the handle.



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.



### Carousel

1. Cut the umbrella and scallops. Take the striped umbrella and glue the long tab in place to complete the umbrella shape.

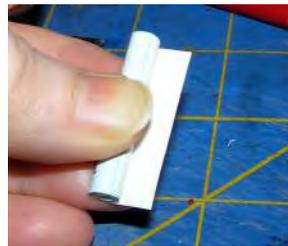


2. Fold down the scalloped edge as perfectly even as possible. Notice the guideline on the scallops. That is where you will glue the headdress border. Start the gluing process by applying glue with the paint brush as shown in the photo. Use plenty of glue so you have the time to reposition the piece.

3. Carefully glue the headdress border along the guideline.



4. Form the spindle around a thin cylindrical object to form it and glue along the line.



5. Repeat the steps above for the shaft. Make sure it fits over the spindle.



6. Glue the shaft to the inside of the umbrella as shown here. Use plenty of glue so you can easily reposition the shaft. Make sure it is straight! Allow the glue to dry.





7. Fold the base sides and tabs. Try to make them as accurate and smooth as possible. You want to make your end product straight up and down. Repeatedly place the base flat on the table to make sure it does not have a warp.



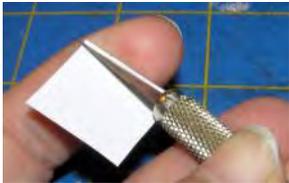
8. Paint glue to the bottom tabs and press on the bottom panel.



9. Turn right-side-up and make sure it dries flat.



10. Glue the spindle to the center circle as shown here. Rotate the base and look carefully at the spindle so you can verify that it stands straight.



11. If you have toothpicks (preferably round) I suggest using those for the poles--cut down to proper length--to make your life easier. If you plan to use the paper poles, proceed. Crease at the very edge with the blade before rolling the post makes rolling it easier.



12. You may find it easier to roll the post around a paper clip wire or thick needle, then remove the item from the post.



13. As you can see, I used a little cup in which to place the umbrella. I found later that a cheap aerosal perfume plastic cap was a perfect fit. One-by-one glue a post against the scalloped head-dress. If you place each at the center of the rabbit panels you will come out even.



14. Place the shaft over the spindle.



15. Cut out the characters (see the on-line tutorial for cutting tight spots). Next glue each one-by-one making certain that the bottom edge of the character does not touch the base.



16. Fold the banner flag in half. Glue around the top of the toothpick. You can push and pull the flag to put a ripple in it if you like.



17. Cut the bottom portion of the toothpick. Scissors or wire cutters will do the job easily.

18. Glue a small pony bead or similar bead to the peak of the umbrella roof.

19. Glue the flag staff into the bead.



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