

Platform Construction for All Paper Minis Ornaments



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Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife with a fresh blade
- Cutting mat (cardboard will ruin your blades & project)
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- Quick-dry clear craft glue. Just the one glue will do, however, I like to have both on hand.
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paint brush to apply glue
- Ribbon for hanging loop
- Optional acrylic ornament ball (6 qty. 80mm and 6 qty. 100mm)

NOTE: the cabbage rose platform no longer has roses printed on the platform, so suspend disbelief and consider blank tabs.



1. Cut tabs carefully.
2. Fold tabs down making sure that each is the same length, this helps ensure the platform remains flat--not wobbly.

SEE STEP 11.



3. Place the tabs of the bottom disk inside the top disk (photo shows it's easiest upside down). Paint quick-dry glue to several of the tabs and press the outer tabs to them. **NOTE:** Try to keep the project flat on the table surface. If not you risk having a wobbly finished platform.



4. Work your way around the perimeter of the platform glueing 2-3 tabs at a time. Allow the glue to dry.



5. take the decorative strips for the edge of the platform and careful glue in place. Keep the platform flat on table surface to keep the strip straight. You will probably use both decorative strips or at the very least, one plus part of the second.



6. Pretend this platform has a decorative strip around it. Check the size and fit of your platform by placing a hemisphere over it.

NOTE: This project will have the platform secured perpendicular to the hemisphere seam. Depending on the display objects you choose, one position or the other will work.



7. In reality, you will at this point be using the tutorial for the specific ornament you are building now. Check the miniatures for height restriction by placing the acrylic globe over your placements. In this sample, each miniature was glued one at a time and allowed to dry. Remember lids and loose ribbons will move inside the 'biosphere' so make sure to arrange and glue those items as well.



8. Here is the layout I used in the sample. Notice that the arrangement is tall in the middle and tapers down as the miniatures reach the platform's edge. Make sure to test the fit as you go along! You can develop your own arrangement with different miniatures.



10. Place the other half of the globe in place. You may even want to put a dot of glue at the seam before closing to secure it. Loop your ribbon and it is done.

What a great gift one of these would make!



9. To secure the finished platform inside the globe, put a dot of clear tacky glue on platform. Next carefully place the finished platform in the first half of the globe. Look at it from all angles to make sure it is straight. Remember to line up with the hanger hoop. Let the glue dry.



11. Here is a way to stabilize your project as you are working. You can rest your platform inside one of the globe hemisphere's and rest it in a glass. I love poster clay to temporarily hold the globe on the glass's rim. Even use it on the bottom of the glass to secure it to the table.

