

# Platform Construction for bookorna8 McLoughlin Bros. Pretty Village Ornament (100mm clam shell)



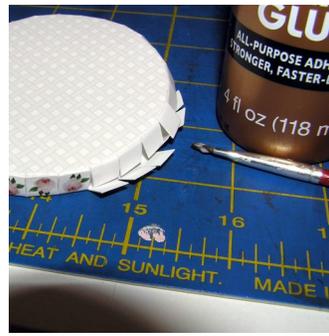
### Required tools and supplies:

- 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, flat 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.
- Optional 100mm acrylic ornament ball (it may be listed as 4" by the seller. Crafts stores on-line do sell these. The actual Amazon search string is "Clear Plastic Fillable Ornament Ball 3.93"/100mm for Christmas,Holiday, Wedding, Party, Home Décor"
- Optional .25" gold brads to attach train cars together

**Note:** sample photos may differ from your ornament, but the construction is the same.



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



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:** Again, 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. This ornament requires a second tier platform. Assemble it the same way, then center and glue it to the big platform

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

8. See the next page for instructions for assembling the village. Please make sure your ornament will fit down over your decorations before glueing in place. Try to use the placement used in the photos listed in this tutorial

9. When your scene is complete, 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.

10. FYI, 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. Use poster clay to temporarily hold the globe on the glass' rim, and on the bottom of the glass to secure it to the table.



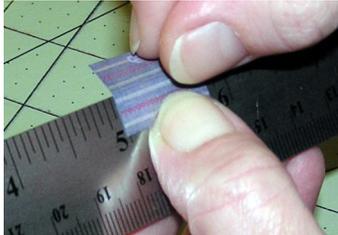
## bookorna8: Miniaturized McLoughlin Brothers' Pretty Village to Scale for 100mm clamshell acrylic globe



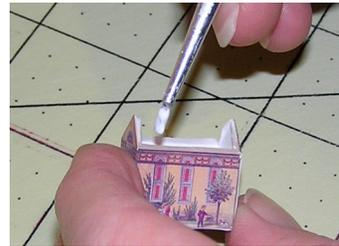
### House:

1. Cut all pieces. Use a thin metal ruler to press against fold lines for perfect creases. Fold all the tabs and walls. Notice the tabs for the roof are folded.

2. Place glue puddle on a piece of aluminum foil and dip your paint brush in it. Glue the tabs to make a house cube. Use a pair of tweezers to press the glued corners.



3. Fold the roof piece in half. If your house has a Dutch style roof, do not worry about the extra folds for it will form automatically when you apply it to the glued surface.



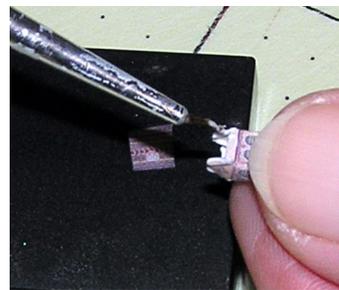
4. Paint glue along the tops of the roof tabs.



5. Place the roof on its glue painted tabs and press firmly.



6. Making a cupola is the same as making the house unit. The difference is the bottom will remain open.



7. paint glue to the cupola's roof tabs and adhere the folded roof piece.

9. Fold the two flaps found at the bottom opening and glue to the center of the roof.

