

booksp12 ~ Beatrix Potter Children's Library Room to Scale for 1:12 dollhouses



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 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.
- Color coordinated craft paint
- Two-sided tape or poster clay
- Optional: 3/4" circle punch
- Small piece of 1/16" thick by 2" balsa wood for book case.
- Small piece of acetate for bunny portrait frame. Take from a pastry box.



Children's Books:

1. Cut out the page strips. Note the two "end board" pages are slightly larger. Fan fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. The first end board and first book page will start the folding and should be face-to-face.



2. Notice the little connector tabs at the ends of most of the panels. Use the glue stick to glue the connecting tabs to the back of the respective panel to make a continuous accordion strip.



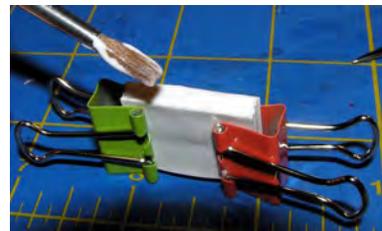
3. Here is a continuous book with connectors glued and accordion folded.



4. Add a stripe of glue stick to the back side of the strip. You may wish to do a little at a time in conjunction with the next step. DO NOT SPREAD GLUE TO BACKS OF END BOARDS! These are found at each end of the long strip of pages.



5. One-by-one, press the blank sides of the pages together. Be careful to align the raw edges of the pages as perfectly as possible.



6. Pinch pages with the office clips leaving the spine side exposed. Use the artist's brush to paint a coat of glue to the length of the pages along the spine. Dry thoroughly.



7. Cut out the laminated cover piece using scissors. Laminated is too slippery for cutting with a blade against a ruler.

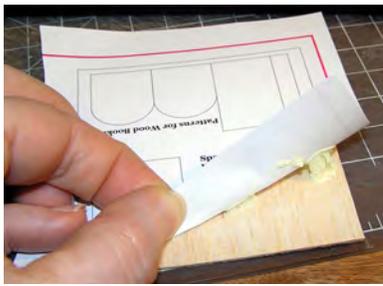
8. Use the ruler to crease on either side of the spine on the cover.



9. Paint glue to the blank side of the 'end boards' and the spine. Use plenty of glue so it stays wet long enough for you to position the pages before a permanent bond occurs.

10. Position the unit carefully on the inside of the book cover. Flatten out edges.

Products in tutorial may look different from yours, but are constructed identically to yours.

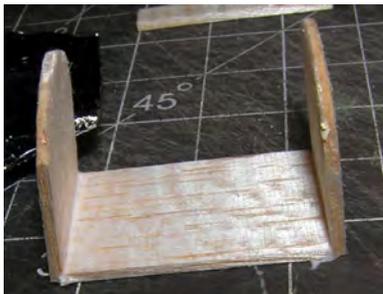


Bookcase Assembly:

1. Use double-sided tape or poster clay to hold down bookcase pattern. You can also use clear packing tape. Cover the whole thing with tape and tape it down to cutting mat.



2. Use a metal ruler and blade tool and cut pieces.



3. Glue sides to base. If you cannot see from the photo, the base is sandwiched between the two sides. Allow to dry before moving on to the next step. Use waxed paper or plastic wrap under the project if you think it will glue to your cutting board.



4. Glue the strut that holds the sides steady. Allow to dry thoroughly. **A change has been made to the design since these photos were taken.** Glue a second strut to the other side. This really helps to keep the books from falling out of the book case.



5. Paint the bookcase and allow to dry.



6. Glue the decorative panels in place. The longer panels go to the outside of the bookcase.

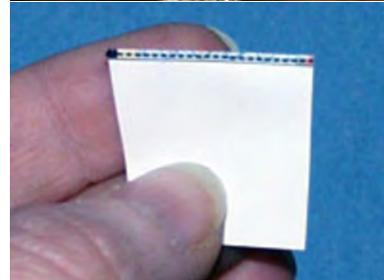


Pencils and Crayons assembly:

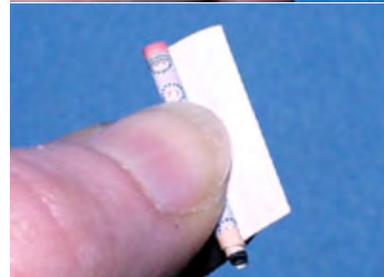
1. Create a crease on the reverse side of where dotted line is found. Use the blade to help you get a perfectly straight fold.



2. Here is the beginning of the roll.



3. Roll the pencil as tightly as possible. If your fingers are very dry, you may have difficulty making the roll tight.



4. Glue the end of the pencil. Take coordinating paint or felt tip pens and touch up the ends if you want a very realistic look.



Nesting Blocks

1. Cut out pieces and fold block sides and all tabs.
2. Glue block's side tab to the inner blank surface of block.
3. Glue block top to tabs to close it.



4. Tuck tabs up inside the block. Glue those tabs in place. Press block opening edges with tweezers.



Crayon Box Assembly

1. Fold to form the box. Use a straight-edge ruler to fold against.
2. Glue the side tab to the interior blank surface of the box.
3. Fold the bottom of the box shut, and glue closed. Allow glue to dry before stocking with crayons.



Pencil Box:

1. Cut and fold the box. The lid's double panels with 'this box belongs to' art are folded in the middle and glued blank sides together. Use a glue stick to glue the lid's two panels.



2. Use a paint brush and the quick-dry craft glue to glue the corner tabs to form the box. Tweezers will help you create a tight bond.



Plate Embossing

1. The plates in this kit will fit a conventional circle paper punch. This photo shows the use of a 3/4" punch or you can use small detailing scissors.



2. Here are the plates all cut.



3. The embossing "tool" used here is a lip balm tube. Notice the plastic cling wrap is used to seal off the greasy lip balm with the help of a rubber band. Of course, clean out the cap very well.

Sandwich the plate between the tube and the cap and press gently and release.



4. Here are the plates embossed.

5. Another option is to find something that has the same circumference and the inner plate circle. Hold it against the plate and then take your finger and press the paper edge against your object all the way around.

Another option is to purchase wood, plastic or ceramic plate "slugs" found on the internet. Glue to them



3. Fold down the three lining panels and glue in place. Use tweezers to make a crisp edge.



Frame Assembly:

1. Glue acetate sheet onto Benjamin Bouncer image. Tack at the corners.
2. Cut, fold and glue frame as indicated in the photo.
3. Glue frame to image.



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