

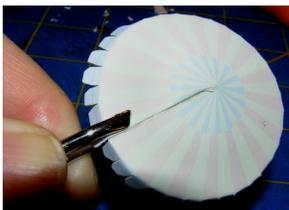
bookvts9 ~ Beatrix Potter Carousel and Alphabet Nesting Blocks (1" dollhouse scale 1:12)



Required tools and supplies:

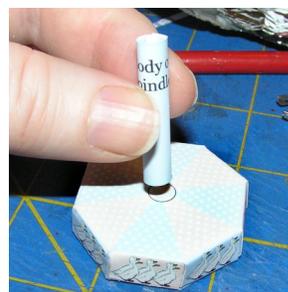
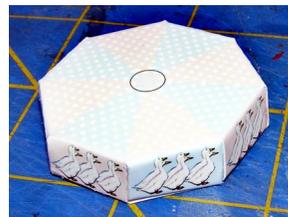
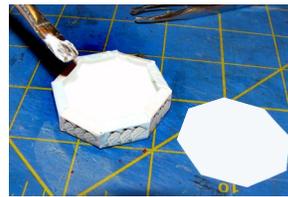
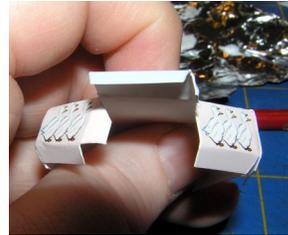
- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straight-edge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers, detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat
- 1 round wood toothpick
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- An acid-free glue stick
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender artist's paint brush to apply glue
- Medium sized pink or other pastel colored pony bead

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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. Use the help of a pair of tweezers!
4. This is the shaft for the spindle, which will allow the carousel animals to spin. Wrap around a pencil for a good curve and glue the long side. Fold tabs outward along line.



5. Glue the shaft inside the umbrella trying to make it as perpendicular as possible. You don't want a leaning carousel umbrella. Allow the glue to dry. NOTE: It may be helpful to place the umbrella upside down in a small cup like item. See next page.
6. Form the spindle around a pencil to form it. Make sure it fits inside the shaft before glueing along the spindle line.
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 to make your life much easier. Cut down toothpicks to proper length (use paper poles for proper length). If you plan to use the paper poles, proceed. Crease at the very edge with the blade before rolling the post. The crease makes rolling it much 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 aerosol 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. This step takes patience and I suggest you work slowly and thereby allow glue to dry between pole installments. The reward is great.



14. Place the shaft over the spindle, the carousel should spin smoothly.



15. Cut out the characters (see the on-line "Need to Know" 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 the pony bead or similar bead to the peak of the umbrella roof.



19. Glue the flag staff into the bead.



Alphabet Nesting Blocks

1. Cut all pieces. Fold at natural lines. Glue storage box tabs. Use the tweezers to hold bond.

2. Take the largest block. Once folded, you will see the shape of miniature appear when folds are in place.



3. Glue the block's side tab. Use the tweezers to hold tight until bonded.

4. Fold down tabs and glue block top to these tabs.

5. Repeat for other blocks.



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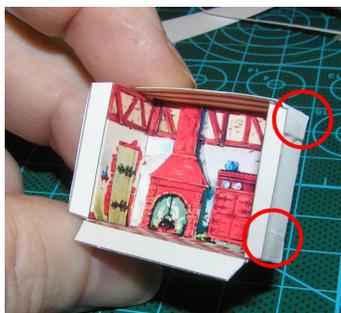
bookvts9 ~ Tutorial for Punch and Judy and Beatrix Potter Theaters, plus A Beatrix Potter Toy Chest (1" dollhouse scale 1:12)



Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straight-edge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers and scissors
- Good cutting mat--not a piece of cardboard!
- 24 gauge wire for puppets and theater curtains, or stiff wire
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- Small piece of aluminum foil to use as a glue pot
- Slender, flat artist's paint brush to apply glue
- Needle-nosed pliers

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1. Cut out pieces. Fold stage box and glue four corner tabs as displayed in photo. Use tweezers to bond the tabs.



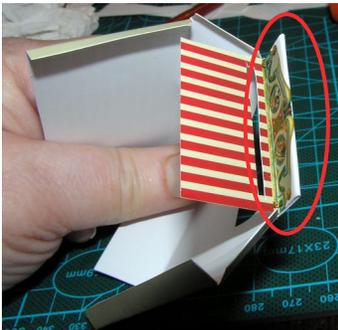
2. Fold outward the tabs at stage front for both stages.



3. Cut out stage opening and slit found on top most panel.



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4. Glue masthead artwork front to back...masthead only!



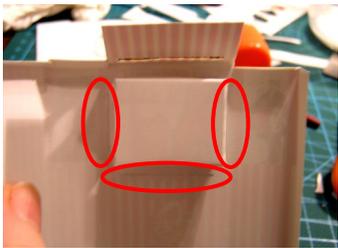
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5. Let the glue dry then cut around masthead artwork.



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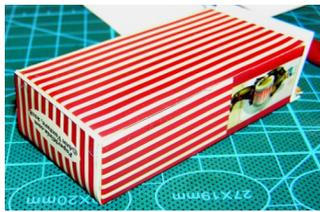
6. Glue stage box in place making certain that placement is not too high or too low. Same for both theaters.



7. Seal long side tab of theater box.



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8. Seal box ends ensuring not to block slit on top for theater curtain and puppets.



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9. Here's how the finished theater top should look for both theaters



10. Cut out puppets. See the on-line tutorial for tips to cutting tight and small spots



11. Fold top of theater curtains. Do for both.



12. Take wire and cut approximate lengths as shown in photo. Curl ends with needle-nose pliers.



13. Sample of wire to use



14. I used a piece of waxed paper as my work surface. Glue will peel off of waxed paper if it pours past your pieces. Glue wire handles to backs of pieces.



15. Test fit of the curtains.



1. Fold item at all fold lines You will see shape of miniature appear when folds are in place.

2. Use an artist's brush and paint glue to side tabs and glue to interior surfaces of trunk. Do the same to the lid as well.

3. Fold down inside linings and glue into place.

4. Take the smaller lining rectangle and glue to inside of the box bottom. Size it before gluing.

5. Take the larger lining rectangle and glue to inside of the box lid. Size it before gluing.

6. There is a loose tab at the back long side of the lid. Glue it to the outside surface of the box bottom to make it a "hinged" lid.



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