

Miniature Enthusiasts of Edmonton Club



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General Meetings: Held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month: 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at McClure United Church, 13708-74 Street, Edmonton.

Workshops: Held every 1st and 2nd Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are no meetings or workshops during July, August, and December. Meeting only (no workshops) in January (assuming temperatures of over minus 25C)

Admission: \$2.00 Membership: \$20.00

MEE Executive

The January meeting was chaired by Sunni Dixon, who advised members that the following Executive Committee members have resigned, effective immediately:

Karen Jones	President	476-9001	minilady@shaw.ca
Linda Austin	Vice-President	962-0754	phlic1957@shaw.ca
Shannon Goy	Secretary	417-5799	tgoy@shaw.ca
Luba Barnes	Workshops	962-4093	lubarnes@telusplanet.net
Linda Gautier	Membership	475-8932	eim10@telus.net

As a result of the mass resignation of most of the MEE Executive at the January meeting, we only have 4 remaining Executive Committee members:

Wendy McCarvell	Treasurer	644-9628	wmccarvell@shaw.com
Maureen Moller	Director	481-6191	mail@lynnsclub.com
Teena Krause	Director	641-2697	
Rosalie Pinske	Director	430-6285	rosecrochetminis@aol.com

And, although I am not a member of the Executive, if you need to get hold of me.....

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The Societies Act indicates that if members of the Executive are unable to complete their responsibilities, a quorum of members (22 in our case) have the authority to appoint a Chairman *Pro Tem* who has the responsibility to chair meetings until a new Executive is elected. The Chairman *Pro Tem* also has the responsibility to work with the current members to establish and carry out a process for the election of a new Executive Committee.

Upcoming Club Activities

Workshops: The format, dates and contents of any upcoming workshops will be determined at the meeting on February 19th.

General Meeting: If we continue our normal pattern, the next general meeting will be held on March 18th, 2008.

Minis On-Line

- <http://www.missameliasminiatures.com/> - Miss Amelia's miniatures, specializing in elegant and unique customised dolls house furniture, handmade miniature luxury bedding and soft furnishings and exclusive Ladies' and Gentlemen's Miniature Millinery in 12th & 24th scale.
- <http://www.bostonminiatures.com/> - Specialize in premium quality handcrafted dollhouse accessories, dollhouse furniture, dollhouse animals, doll accessories, dollhouse lights, dollhouse miniature food, dollhouse miniature desserts, miniature Teddy bears, dollhouse kitchenware, miniature magnets and many more.
- <http://www.chinaclosetbytw.com/The%20China%20Closet.html> - Jean and Teresa Welch present entirely handcrafted miniature china. The China Closet has been creating one of a kind and limited edition pieces since 1976.

- <http://www.markturpin.com/> - for rooms and dollhouses in a contemporary style, visit Mark Turpin, architecture in miniature.
- <http://www.acd-miniatures.com/shop/> - ACD Miniatures has a unique line of hand painted and handcrafted inch scale furniture that will reflect your interests and add that personal touch to any miniature setting. Choose from nautical, floral, seasonal and holiday designs hand painted on a wide variety of inch scale furniture.
- <http://www.cdhm.org/user/sjsminis> - Sara Jane makes incredibly realistic animals with appropriately scaled fur.
- <http://www.jacksonsminiatures.com/> - Products include: tried and tested dolls house plans (and now garden railway building plans and kits as well!), architecturally correct Georgian and Victorian doors and windows that are properly to scale, brass hardware, doll house wiring kits, fireplaces and grates, and a large selection of specially designed dollhouse wallpapers. Almost all their products are made in Great Britain either by Jackson miniatures or exclusively for them to their own copyright designs. The very few exceptions are identified by a country of origin flag on the webpage.

Michael's Hutch Bathroom Cabinet

By Maureen Heuchert

Recent posts caused me to look at my completed Michael's hutch bathroom cabinet and analyze how it all came together.

The idea to do the bathroom hutch came from pictures someone posted on another group of hutches her club had done. The idea for the crystal bead door and drawer handles came from another miniaturist. The "glass" is from packaging – tip from yet another miniaturist. The idea of using baby washcloths from Dollarama for towels came from Cheryl. I only used a sleeper from Dollarama because it came in a stronger colour.

The bath beads are the small no hole beads from Dollarama which I learned about here. The containers for the beads and cotton balls are from Michael's. I heard about them on another group. Although I had already made the toilet paper, Dawn supplied the site for the Scott wrapper that made it complete. The fancy soaps in the gold dish are from little flower buttons from Karen. And who knows where I got the idea to use them that way – but it was certainly from another miniaturist.

The idea to make the shampoo, conditioner and bubble bath bottles from Lite-Brite pegs came from Joann Swanson as did the method for making the can of air freshener. And Dawn gave me the inspiration to make that. The Kleenex boxes are, of course, from Jim Collins at <http://printmini.com>. Whatever would I do without Jim's contributions to all my minis. The soap, Oil of Olay and Crest are from Boopmini.

Some miniaturist long ago looked at some beads in her stash and said, "Wow, I can make fancy bottles out of those". And we've been doing it ever since. I made the red one but the other two were made by an 11 year old miniaturist in the U.S. who sent them to me years ago.

The nail polish and lipstick came from a grab bag at the Dallas show. Don't recall where the pitcher and bowl came from but the flowers were originally blue and I changed that with dots of hot pink nail polish – an idea I picked up somewhere along the line from one of my groups.



So there you have it. My latest creation doesn't have an original idea of mine in it. I learned everything from other miniaturists. And yet it is uniquely mine in the conception and completion.

We are so incredibly lucky to be mini-ing in the age of the computer and to have our online groups for support. And none of this would have evolved if it hadn't been for the pioneers of our craft who first looked at things with a "mini eye" and said "I can make something out of that".

So newbies and veterans alike: ask your questions, post your ideas, tips and hints. We're all here to learn and share what we've learned.

Printable of the Month – Bathroom Accessories

By Maureen Heuchert

Towels

Towels, etc., come in a variety of sizes. I took an average of the sizes listed and converted them to 1" and 1/2" scale. Templates below. I used a baby sleeper from Dollarama to make mine. You can glue a bit of lace or ribbon on one end to trim them.

Type	1" scale	1/2" scale
Bath sheet	3" x 5"	1 1/2" x 2 1/2"
Bath towel*	2 1/2" x 4 3/4"	1 1/4" x 2 3/8"
Hand towel*	1 3/8" x 2 1/2"	11/16" x 1 1/4"
Wash cloth*	1 1/8" x 1 1/8"	9/16" x 9/16"
Fingertip towel	1" x 1 1/2"	1/2" x 3/4"

Bath Towel Template



Hand Towel



Washcloth



Shampoo, Conditioner and Bubble Bath

Supplies:
3 Lite-Brite pegs
Paint or metallic pen for top
Tacky for labels
X-Acto knife

Cut the pointy top off the Lite-Brite peg. Paint the top "lid" portion. (I used my Pilot metallic gold pen.) Glue on the label from the attached printable sheet..



Can of Air Freshener

Cut this out and roll it up very tightly from the blank end. Glue the printed end to your coiled piece and, voila, you have a can of air freshener! You can colour the cap if you like. I used silver nail polish to colour some of mine.

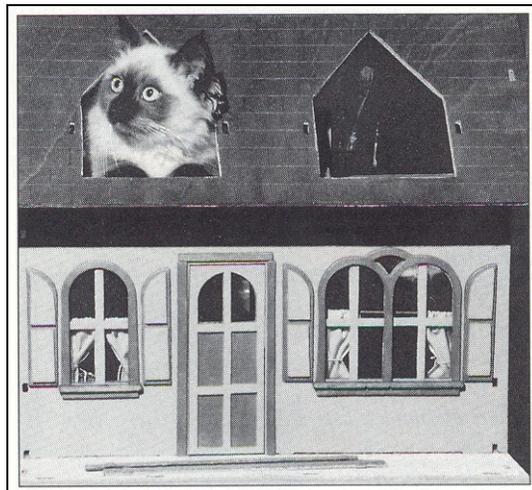
You can use a paper quilling tool if you have one (I got one at Dollarama) or you can use the tool Joy Parker uses to make ribbon roses – instructions are on her website
<http://swallowhilldolls.com/projects/silkroses/silkrose.htm>

Can of hairspray

Make the same way as the air freshener. I used hot pink nail polish to colour the cap of this one.

On-line Dollhouse Decorating!!!

If you just can't visualize how your dollhouse or roombox rooms are going to look, visit <http://www.allthingschristmas.com/web/kidzone/games/dollhouse/decorate.html> and play away. This is really fun, and allows you to redecorate to your heart's content! (Java Browser, like Internet Explorer, required.) It's also a great way to let grandchildren "decorate", without getting sticky fingers all over your minis (just sticky keys on the keyboard).



"It's a bit small but the view is great!"

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Contact Tina (487-8943) if you have something you want to sell, or to place an ad or an announcement.