

Art Deco Roombox

1/4" Scale Dollhouse kit

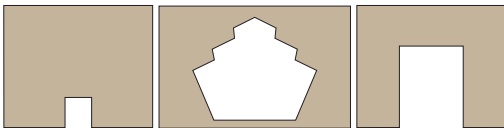
Before you begin anything, I highly recommend that you dry fit the main pieces and read the instructions through so that you have an idea of how everything fits together. This will make it much easier in the long run, trust me. The roombox is designed to be constructed in layers to make it easier to install wallpaper and finishing touches.

If you have ANY questions, please email me at
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If possible include photos to make it easier to understand what you are asking.

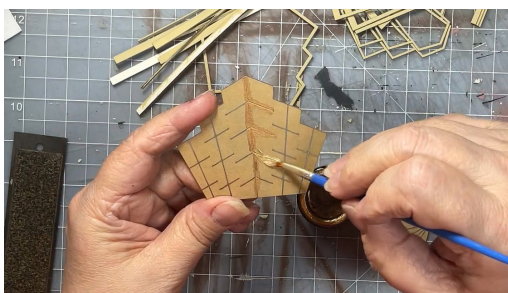
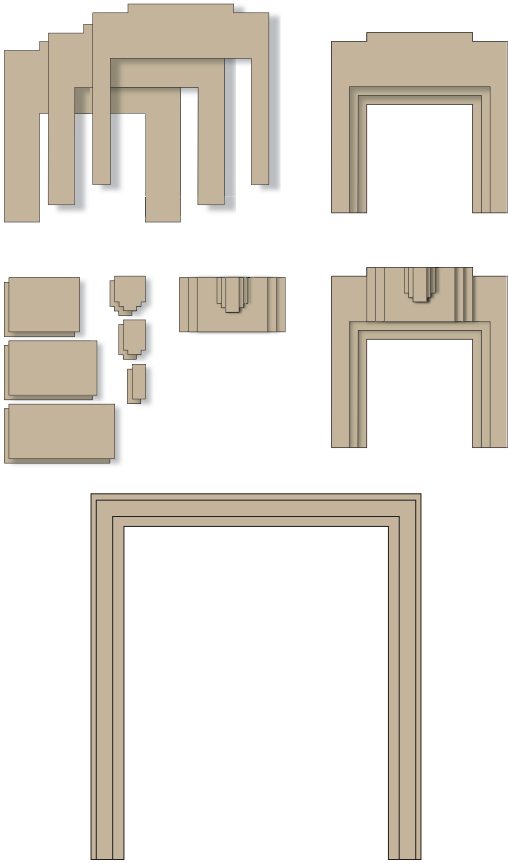
There is a "Work Along" available for this kit that may be helpful .

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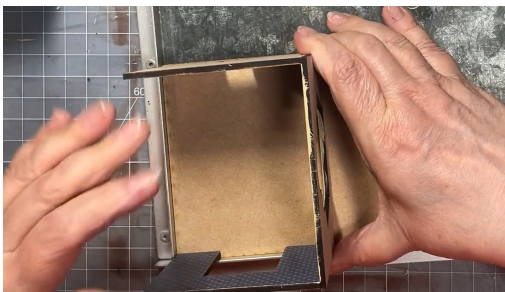


- Glue the pieces marked Bottom with an arrow and bottom as shown in the photo. **Keep all the type facing up so that you know you are gluing everything in the correct position.** The quarter round corner pieces are in the bag with the pieces I call "Funky Arc Pieces". Do the same with the corresponding pieces marked "Top". Do not glue the larger pieces marked B and T or the "Funky Arc Pieces" at this time.

- Take out the three pieces marked "Inside Back" and the three other pieces shown. You will glue the side pieces to the back pieces as shown in the diagram. Set aside to dry.



- Next take out the fireplace kit and all the paperboard trim pieces.
- Assemble fireplace according to the diagram
- Glue the two door frame pieces together according to the diagram.
- Take out the etched plexiglas pieces. You will have one large piece for your window and two smaller pieces for your doors.
- Peel the paper from the smooth side. The etching process leaves a very thin line of paper in each of the grooves on the etched side. You can remove this by very carefully scraping it with your Xacto knife or a toothpick. I found the toothpick to work nicely. This step is not necessary but it does give a little nicer finish.
- Once you have scraped the residue out of the grooves. Paint the grooves either a metallic gold or the color you plan to paint your trim and back wall. Leave the paper on at this point so that it can act as a stencil for painting the grooves. When the paint has dried you can peel the paper off.
- Paint the fireplace and all the trim pieces the same color you are painting your back wall where the window is. You only need to paint the front and edges of the trim pieces. While you are at it go ahead and paint that back wall too. DO NOT paint the larger rectangular shapes at this time.
- Take out your wallpaper sheet and spray it with Deft. Give it a couple of good coats.



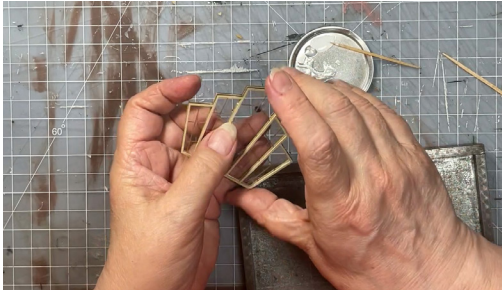
- Take out the solid rectangular paperboard piece. Cut your flooring tiles from the wallpaper sheet (just roughly trim it out for now) and glue it to the paperboard piece. Allow to dry. Once dry, score all the lines, in both directions, with your stylus. Then coat the flooring with a gloss varnish. I generally use 2 coats to make sure I have full coverage. When this is all dry, trim out your flooring along the outside edges.

- Wallpaper the two side walls. The wallpaper with the tile square is your fireplace wall. (Do not cut out the tiles!) I find it easier to glue the entire piece to the wall and cut out the openings when the glue has dried. If you trim the paper along the edges it will be the right size. You may need to trim a smidgen off the top. Go ahead and glue the city skyline onto the smaller inside pieces that will make up your outside view. These are also printed to size and the pattern matching has been done for you. Glue them flush to the bottom and trim any extra from the top when the glue is dry.

- Glue the larger interior assemble to the bottom piece from step one. Glue it onto the smooth side, making sure that the groove is in the back and on the bottom. Glue the interior assembly flush to the front of the bottom piece and flush side to side.

- Once that is dry, paint the small section of floor behind the big window a concrete color. This is your balcony floor.

- Glue in your flooring. You may need to trim it ever so slightly. You want a tight fit against the back all and side to side. It's actually good if you have a small gap in the front. That will allow the glass to slide in easier and the frame will hide it.



- Take your window frames and glue them to the window piece. Glue one with the painted side to the back (etched) side and unfinished side out. On the front (smooth side) glue it so that the unfinished side is glued to the glass with the painted side out. I use Ultimate Glue for this. You can use a super glue, just make sure it won't fog up your glass.

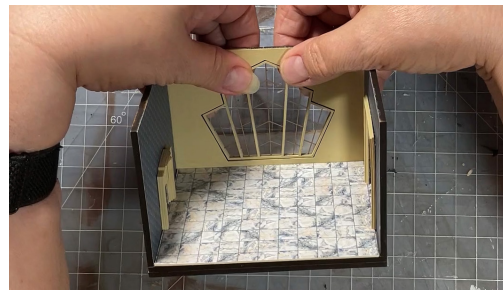
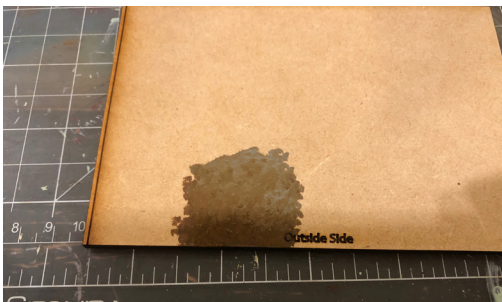


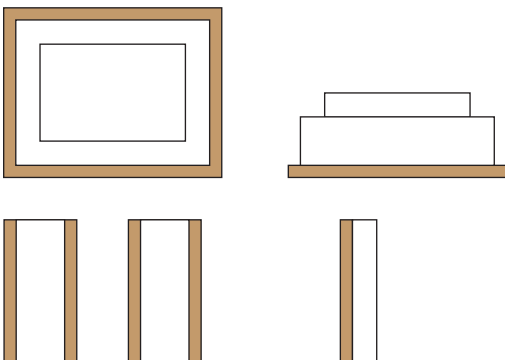
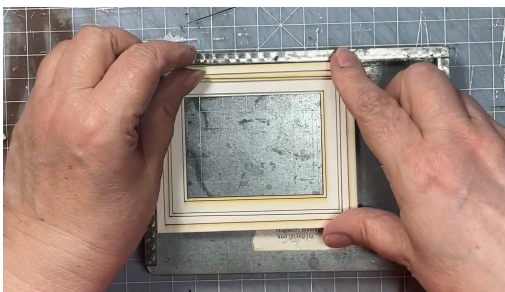
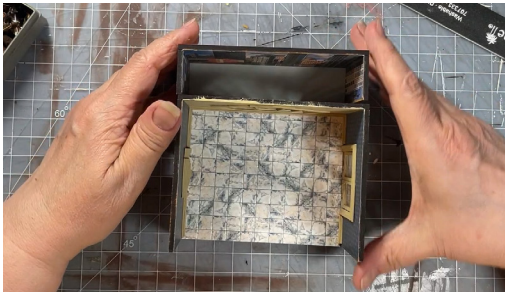
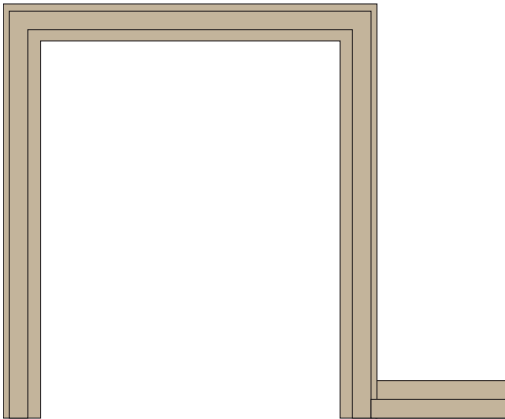
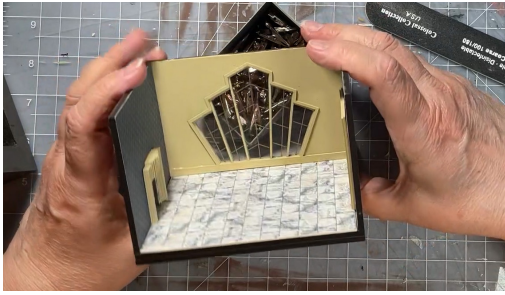
- Glue the door trim to the door pieces. The door trim is thicker on the bottom and the bottom of the glass has more lines. Do the same where you glue a painted side to the back side and the unfinished side to the front. Glue the doors together side by side.



- Grab the pieces marked Outside Side. Hold them to the outside of your box assembly with the type facing in and at the bottom. Align the front of the box assembly to the etched in line on the outside pieces with the pieces flush to the bottom of the box assembly. Mark where the fireplace and door openings are. Paint the area from the fireplace a dark gray. It doesn't have to be perfect, you just want some color behind the fireplace. On the door side, glue the room photo from your wallpaper sheet in that area, aligning the bottom of the photo with the bottom of the Outside Side wall.

- Glue the fireplace in place, centering it on the opening. Glue your big window in place, making sure that it is flush the inside wall. Glue the door frame in place, then glue the doors in place. You may need to do some sanding on the doors to get them to fit. You want them to fit snugly in the opening, flush with the wall thickness.



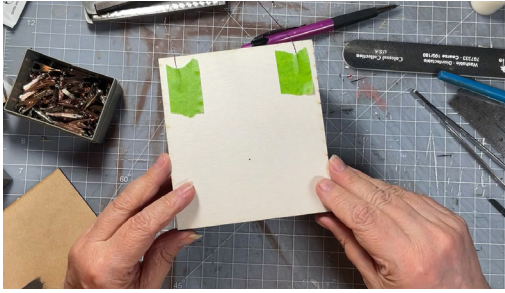


- Glue the back window trim in place. This should fit perfectly. Adjust it so that the window part covers where the window meets the wall. Glue your thicker base board pieces on the side walls. Take the thinner strips and glue those to the base boards to create a sort of stepped base board. Have the thinner base board butt up against the inner door frame like in the illustration.

- Glue the skyline assembly to the back of your box assemble. If you want to furnish your balcony, now is the time to do it.

- Take the rectangular pieces with the cut-outs and glue them together, stacking them thickest to thinnest, and flush on all four sides. When this is dry, paint it white on the stepped surface. Be sure to get the inner edges. You don't need to worry about the outside edges. Also paint the paperboard piece that has three hole in it.

- Pull out the bag that has the gold and clear acrylic pieces for your light fixture and sconces. Glue the thick piece with the hole centered onto the thinner rectangular gold piece with the hole. Glue the larger solid rectangular piece centered on top of the thick piece. For the sconces, glue the clear strips onto the gold strips, centered side to side and flush top and bottom. Go ahead and glue the sconces in place. You have several options where to put these, it's your choice. I put mine on either side of the door.



- Take your two plain light bulbs and run the wires for each up through the holes on the back part of the ceiling piece. You want the bulbs on the painted side. Tape the wires in place on top making sure your wires run towards the back of your box. Glue this piece onto your box assembly so that it is flush in the front.



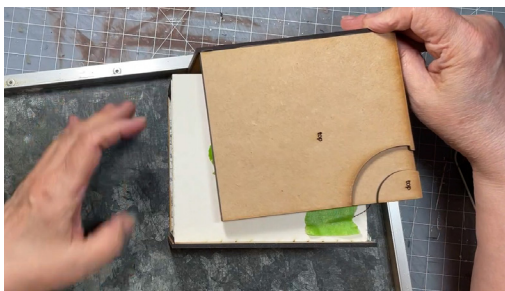
- When the glue is dry on the ceiling piece, glue in the layered rectangle piece. Make sure it is all the way in in the back. You may need to finagle it around the window trim. It is okay if they touch. Run the wires from your "All Around" bulb up through the hole and tape in place on top. Glue your light fixture over the bulb, making sure it is centered within that area. The rectangle of the light fixture should go in the same direction as the ceiling inset.



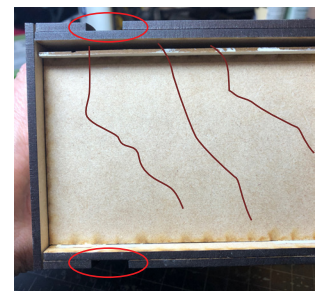
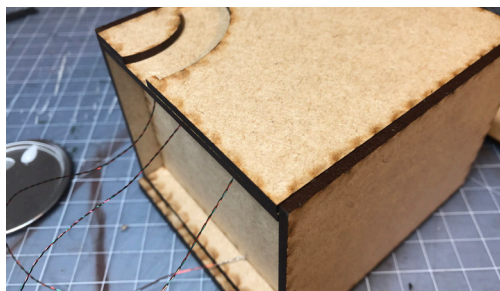
- Take the Outside Side piece that you have glued your hallway picture to and glue it to the door side of your box assembly so that it is flush with the back and bottom. You will have a small overhang in front lining up with the line that is etched in the Outside Side piece and it will be taller than your box assembly.

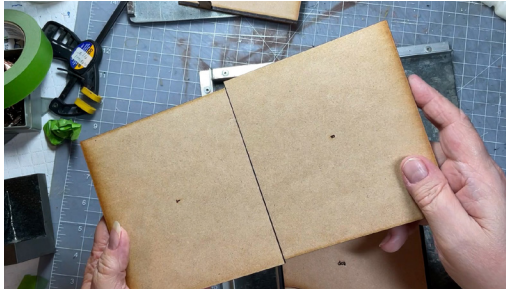


- Take your other Outside Side piece and the Top piece with the groove that you had glued together previously. Glue the Top Piece to the Outside Side piece making sure that the type on the Outside Side piece is on the top and facing in and the groove on the Top piece is on the bottom and facing towards the back. (The scored line on the Outside Side piece is on the front edge. I know it's confusing. Look at the pictures for clarification.)



- Once this has dried, glue the side to the other side of your box assembly, flush to the back and bottom. Glue only the side piece to your box. There will be a small gap on the top where your wires come out and the top piece will be loose on one side. Your grooves on the top and bottom should be on the back end and facing out.





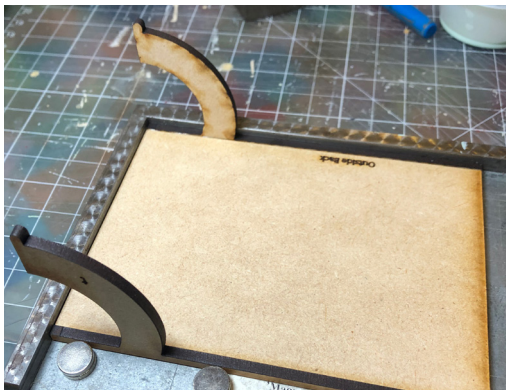
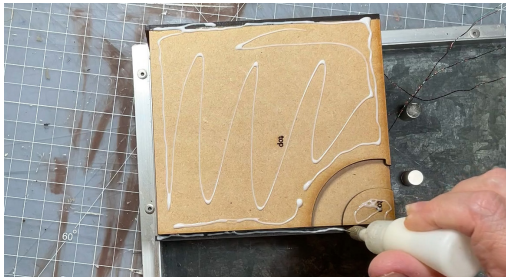
- Take your piece marked B (for bottom) and glue it to the bottom of your box where it is flush to the front. There will be a small overhang in the back.



- Take the piece marked T (for Top) and glue it to the top, flush with your ceiling edge. You will have the tiny overhang in the front that lines up with the grooves in the side pieces and an overhang in the back that matched the bottom. Be sure to put glue on the side edge that is not glued to your top piece.



- Take the funky arc shaped pieces and the piece marked Outside Back. Glue the arced pieces on to the Outside Back piece as shown. Make sure that when you are looking at the Outside Back piece where you can read the type that the arced pieces are both curving up in the same direction and the type on them is facing out.



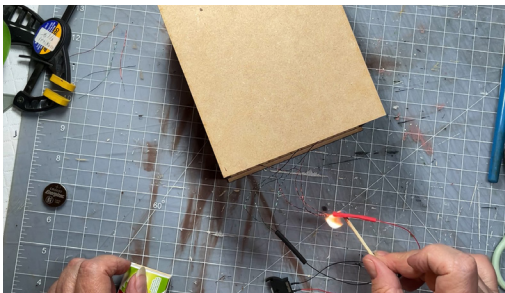


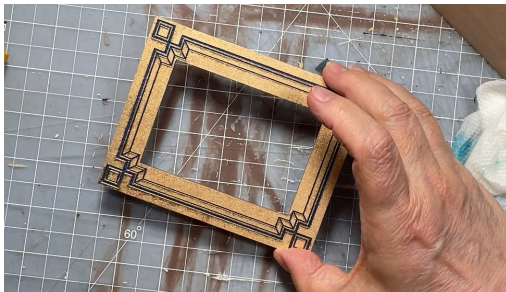
- To connect the wiring, untwist the individual wires so that you can group all the green wires together and all the red wires together. Twist the ends of each group together.

- Slide a piece of shrink tube over the red wire on the switch. Twist the end of the red switch wire with the twisted ends of the red wires from your bulbs. Slide the shrink tube over the twisted wires and heat with a lit match or heat gun to shrink it in place. Repeat the process with the black and green wires.



- Put your battery in and press the switch to make sure everything works. You may want to tack down the switch and the battery pack to the back wall. Don't glue the battery pack down. It makes it very difficult when you need to change the battery. Blue-tac or tape works.

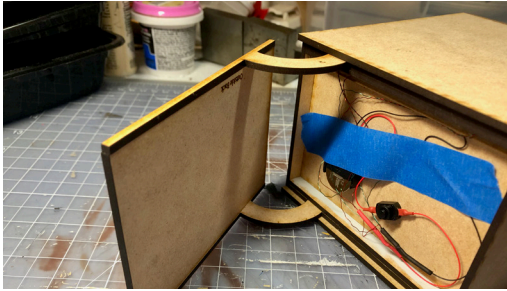




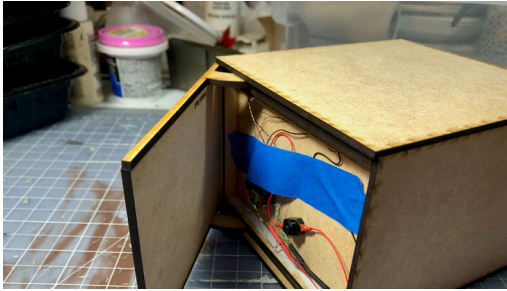
- Spray paint your frame gold. It may take 2 coats to get good coverage.
- Grab a small paint brush, a damp paper towel, and your navy paint. Paint inside the etched grooves on the frame. Carefully wipe away the excess from the top with your damp paper towel leaving paint in the grooves. Work in small sections so the paint doesn't dry too much that you can't wipe away the excess. Set aside to dry thoroughly.



- Once the glue has dried on the Outside Back piece you are going to very carefully insert the arced parts in to the notches left on the back of the box.. You will need to do a little finagling to get them in there. I've included a picture so you can see what is going on in there. This all creates a very nifty hidden hinge on your box.



- Sand and paint. I painted mine navy blue, sanding lightly between coats.
- Glue the frame on the front of the box. You will have a small gap on the top. This is where the glass will slide in.



- Remove the glass, peel off the paper. Furnish your room and slide the glass in.

Please send me photos of your finished room. I love to see what people have done with my kits!

