



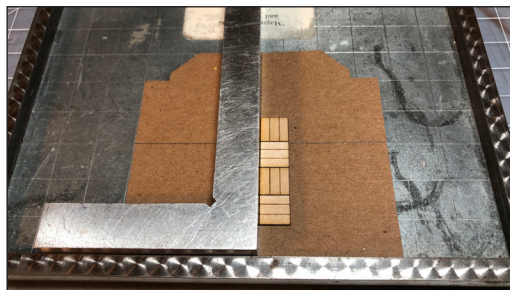
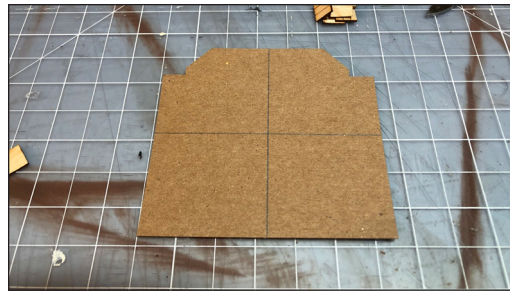
Morris Roombox

1/4" Scale Dollhouse kit

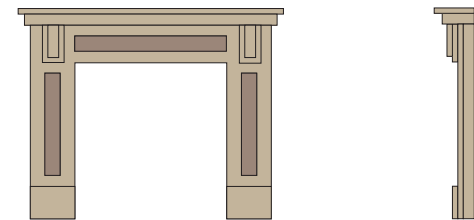
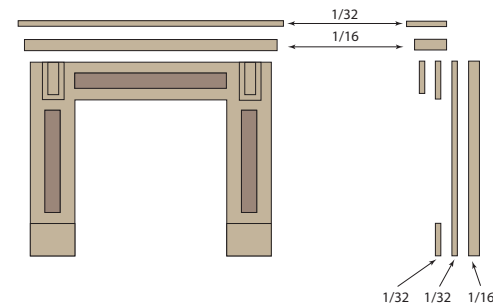
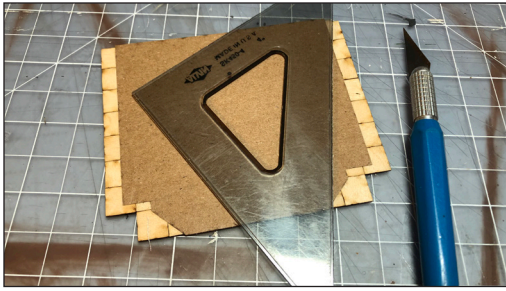
Before you begin anything, I highly recommend that you dry fit the main pieces and read the instructions through so that you have an idea of how everything fits together. This will make it much easier in the long run, trust me. The roombox is designed to be constructed in layers to make it easier to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

If you have ANY questions, please email me at samanthacreations@sbcglobal.net.

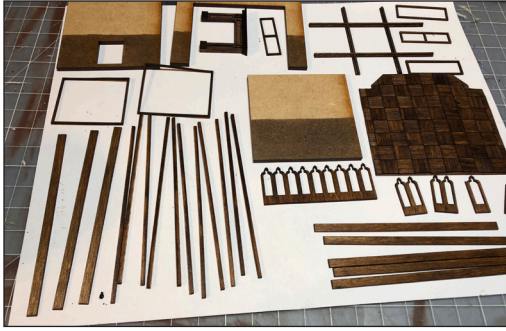
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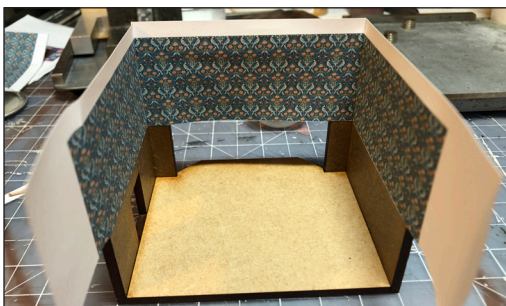
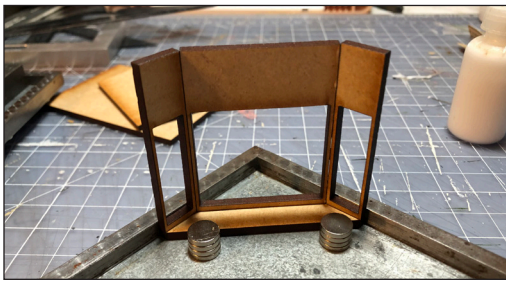
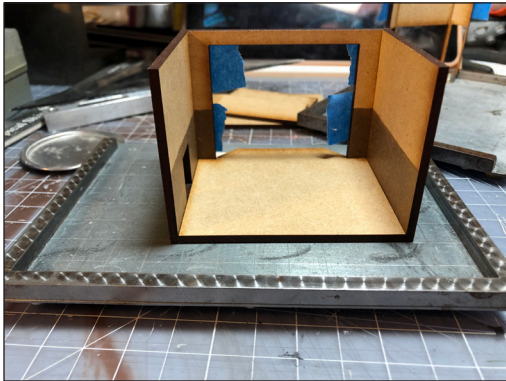
- Remove the piece of brown card stock from your kit. Draw a line down the middle going in both directions. Pay extra attention to making sure that these lines are perpendicular to each other and the paper edges. This will be the guide lines for the floor tiles.
- Beginning in the middle, glue the floor tile to the card stock. Make sure that you alternate the direction of the wood grains to create your checker board pattern. I find it easiest to glue down the center lines going both directions and then fill in from there.

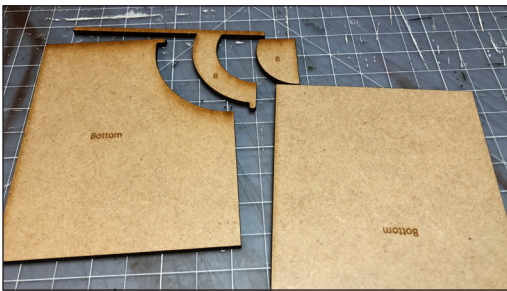
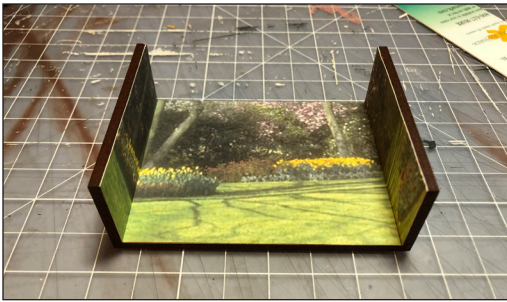
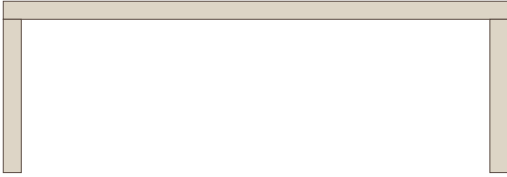


- When you are finished, you will have a little excess wood on the ends. Just trim to the size of the card stock. You may have a little excess paper on the front side. You can trim this off if you wish. It's not going to show.
- Stain the floor the color of your choice. Once stain has had time to set, spray the floor with Deft. I spray a fairly heavy coat. The piece will look wet. Allow to dry and spray two more times for a total of three coats. When the last coat has dried, buff with 0000 steel wool.
- Take out the bag that contains the etched plexiglass pieces. Remove the paper from the smooth side, leaving the paper on the etched side. This will act as masking for painting the leading for the stained glass. Paint the grooves on the etched side black. You removed the paper from the smooth side you can see if you've gotten the paint in the grooves. When the paint dries, remove the remaining paper.
- Color in the stained glass using glass paint or alcohol ink. There is a picture you can use for reference on the page with the wallpapers.
- Assemble the fireplace according to the diagram.
- Glue together the two crosshatch wood pieces, centering the thinner one on the thicker one. Be careful, these pieces are fragile.

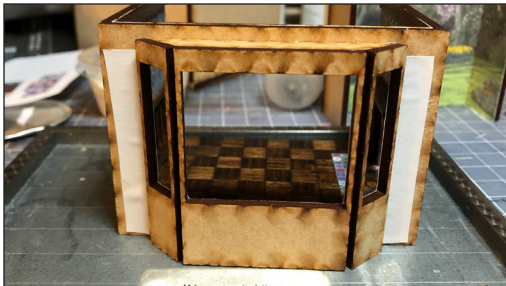


- Stain all the wooden pieces and below the line on the interior wall pieces. Allow the stain to set up then spray with Deft.
- Glue the wall pieces to the floor piece. Glue the window pieces around the window top piece. The edges of the window pieces will just meet at the corners. Paint the window top piece white or off-white.
- When the glue and paint has dried, apply wallpaper to the upper half of the walls and the entire window piece. No measuring needed, the wallpaper pieces are just the size you need. When the wallpaper glue has dried, trim out the large opening on the box piece, the sides of the box piece, and the window openings. Do not trim the sides on the window piece. You want this to hide any gap you may have when you glue the two pieces together.

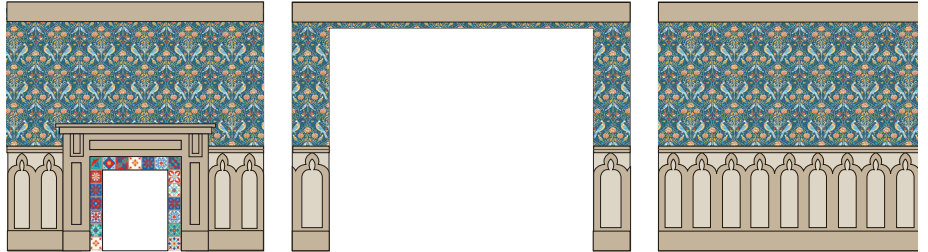




- Glue the yard side pieces to the back yard piece. When the glue has dried, apply the garden wallpaper to the walls. Again, no measuring is needed. When the wallpaper has dried, trim the edges.
- Grab the pieces for the hinges. They are marked Top and Bottom. You will have four pieces for each. Glue the larger piece with the arc to the rectangular piece so that It is flush on three sides as shown in photo. Glue the corner piece as shown. Make sure the type is facing up on all the pieces. DO NOT glue in the little handle looking piece.



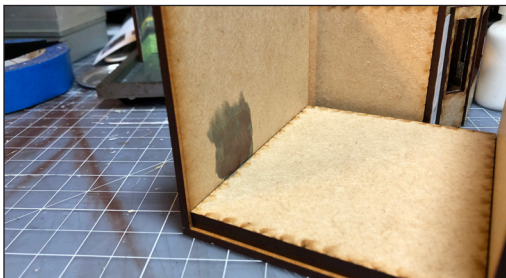
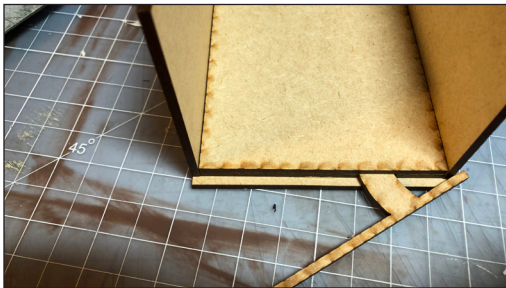
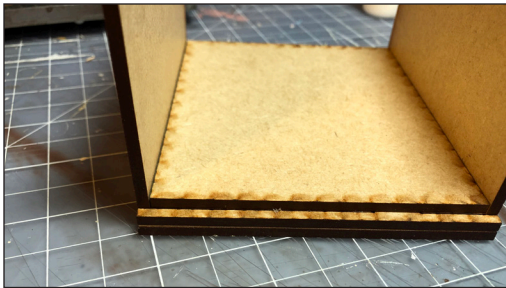
- Glue the tile fireplace surround in place, aligning the center with the opening for the fireplace. Glue the hearth tiles in.
- Glue the wainscoting in place as shown in the diagram below. Glue in you trim pieces. The thicker strips are for the baseboards and around the ceiling. The thin pieces are for the top edge of the wainscoting.



- Glue the window piece into place. Glue the flaps of wallpaper on the sides to backside of the main box. This will hide any gaps. Add baseboards to the bay window.
- Find the pieces marked Bottom (with an arrow underneath) and Side. These pieces all have a line etched in near one edge. Glue the side pieces onto the bottom piece aligning the etched in line. There will be some extra in the back of the bottom piece.

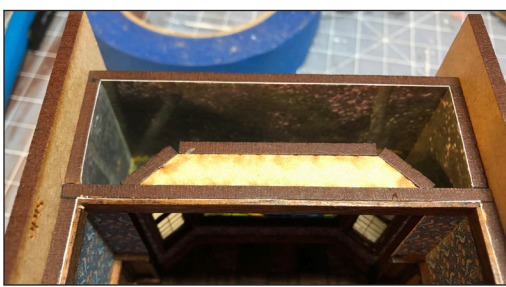
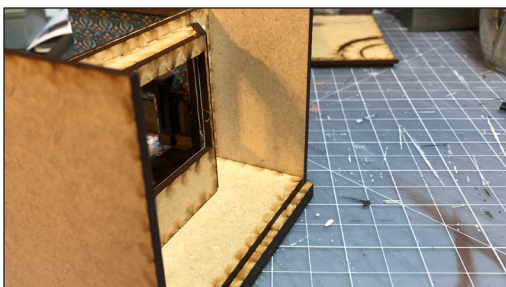


- While the glue is drying on those pieces, paint the paper board piece the white or off-white you used for the window.
- Take the bottom hinge assembly and apply glue to the parts that are glued down already. Lay the handle piece in place, being careful not to get any glue on this piece. Insert glue side down onto the bottom piece so that it is flush with the back. Make sure you can pull out the handle piece and that it can slide in and out.
- Slide your room assembly into place aligning the front edge with the etched line on the outside box and mark where your fireplace opening is located. Paint the area of the fireplace opening a dark color. I used a dark gray.



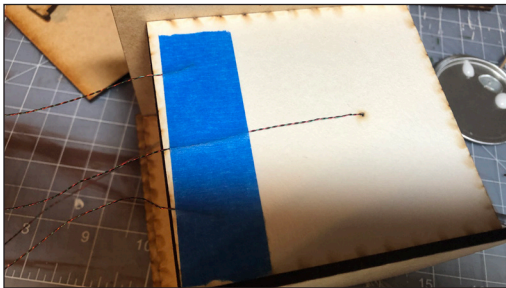
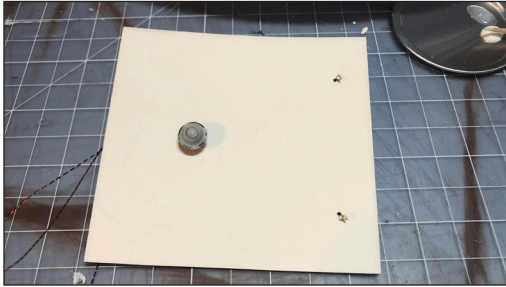


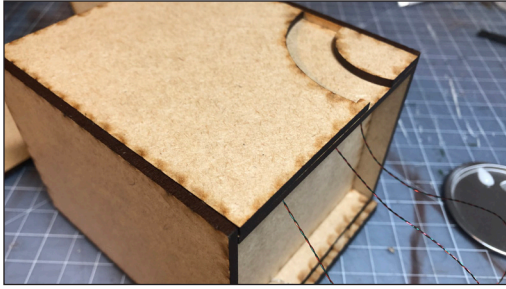
- Glue the window trim onto the windows. For the larger window it is the plain trim piece, not the one with an etched line.
- Glue the windows into the openings, flush with the inside wall. Let dry then glue the remaining window trim pieces into place centering them over the opening.
- Glue your room into place in the outside box. It will be flushed with the bottom piece in front. You will have space in the back.
- Glue your garden assembly into place up against the room assembly.



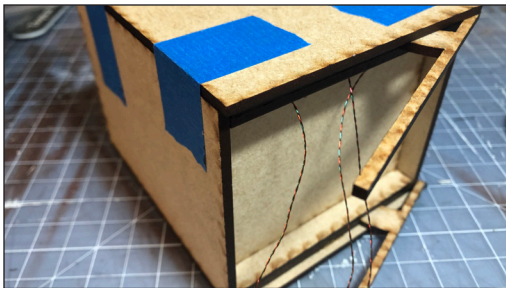
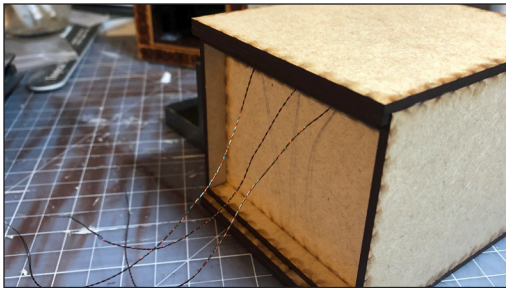


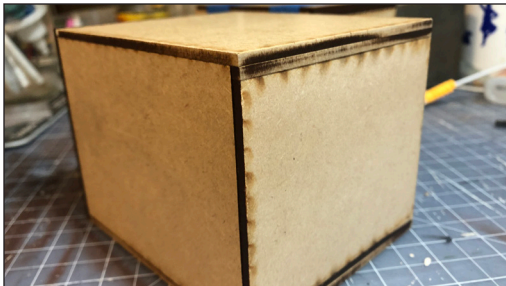
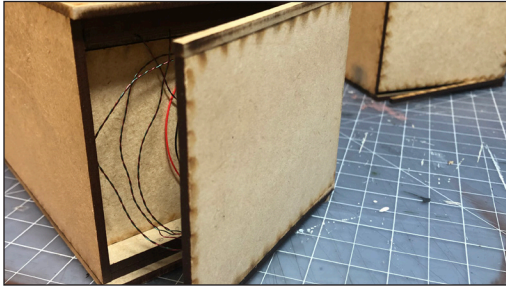
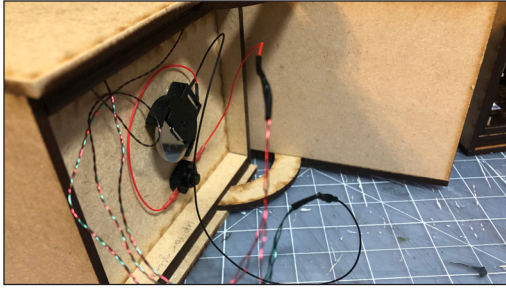
- Prepare your light fixture. Do any painting you may need to do on the fixture. Run your bulb through the fixture and run the wire up through the single hole in your ceiling piece. Glue into place. Run your other two bulbs up through the other two holes.
- Glue the ceiling into place flush with the front of the interior room assembly and behind the line that is etched in the side of outer box. At this point, I usually tape the wires down on the outside just to keep them in place.
- Flip your room over and glue in the wooden ceiling grid. You may need to trim them down just a bit so they fit snugly in the space.





- Glue your top hinge piece into place between the sides of the outer box so that it is flush with the top edges and flush with the backside. When this has dried, insert your curved hinge piece and glue the box top on, being careful not to get any glue on the curved hinge piece. The top piece will be flushed the back of the box with the curved hinge piece pushed all the way in. The front of the top piece will be flush with the interior box assembly and sit behind the etched line. Rotate your top and bottom hinge pieces out and back in to make sure they both move.





- Connect your wires to the switch. You will connect the red wires together to the red wire on the switch, and the green wires together with the black wire on the switch using a shrink tube at each connection. Glue your switch and battery pack onto the back wall.
- Pull your hinges out again and glue the piece labeled “Outside Back” between the skinny strips on the hinges to create a door for the back of your box.
- When the glue has dried, again make sure your door is working. Paint or stain your box. Paint the frame. A nice aged copper is very appropriate the time period but it’s yours so paint it however you want.
- Glue the frame to the front of the box. When the glue has dried, remove the paper protecting the front glass and slide it into place. You can slide the front glass in and out in order to furnish your roombox.

