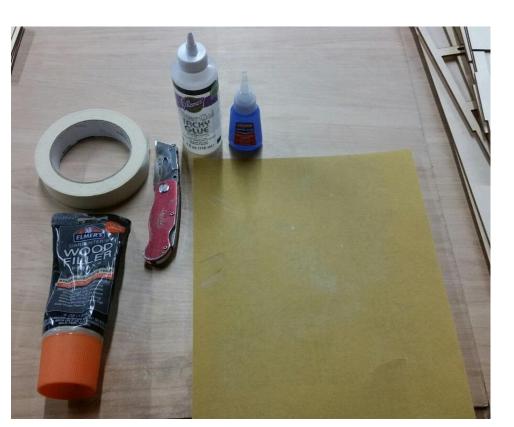
## <u>Little Briana Cottage</u> <u>Dollhouse assembly instructions</u>



NOTE 1: Please do a dry assembly using only tape to hold house together. This will get you familiar with parts, location, and fit. This also gives you a chance to visualize how you want to approach the build. Also read each step and adhere to items that should not be glued till a later time..

#### Materials for build;

- 1. Wood glue, you may use Titebond, Elmers, tacky or any good wood glue. Tacky wood glue dries clear and is preferred.
- 2. Masking tape to hold house in place during assembly and gluing.
- 3. Utility knife if needed for trimming.
- 4. 220 grit sandpaper.
- 5. Wood Filler



#### <u>Pre-Assembly Parts</u> <u>Interior Door</u>

Step 1. Locate the package with the interior doors, remove items. You should have:

- 1-Interior door- (Briana has a 6 panel interior door not pictured.)
- 1-Door stop
- 1-outer frame rail with holes for door stop
- 1-interior frame rail
- 1-upper and 1 lower cross frame rails.
- 2-Frames

You will need 220 grit sand paper for the assemble for cleaning doors.. SEE FIGURE 1.

Step 2. Glue the door stop into outer frame rail as seen in Figure 2.

Step 3. Glue the top cross rail to the top of the outer frame, make sure the hole is on the left side. This is where the door hinge will be inserted. See figure 3.

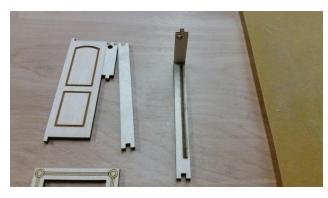


Figure 3



Figure 1

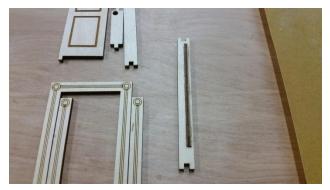


Figure 2

# Pre-Assembly Parts Interior Doors

Step 4. Locate doors and sand front and back of doors using 220 grit sand paper. Do this by laying door flat on top of sand paper on a flat surface. Next press down with slight pressure moving door side to side. Once done blow out door engraved area We are only looking to clean door for painting. At this point paint parts and proceed on to next step.

Next install door into the hole on half assembly completed earlier. Figure 4

Step 5. Glue remaining cross frame on bottom again making sure hole is to the left. Figure 5.

Step 6. Glue remaining inner frame rail. See figure 6. Make sure holes on the top and bottom remain clear of glue.

Step 7. Lay the door on a flat surface inside a door frame as seen in figure 7. DO NOT GLUE, this is done to keep door square as the glue dries. Door frame will be glued later....

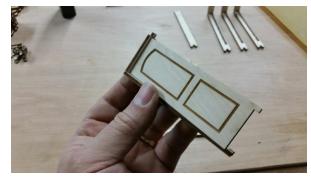


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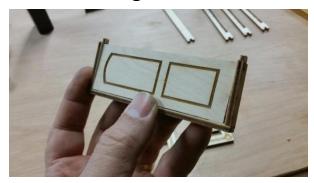


Figure 5





Figure 6 Figure 7

### <u>Pre-Assembly Parts</u> <u>Interior Doors</u>

Step 8. Apply glue to the front edge on the outside of the completed door assembly, figure 8. Do this on both front sides. Do not apply glue on the top as we do not want to glue hinge.

Step 9. Install one door frame over front of assembly. Figure 9. Make sure that frame is evenly aligned to the outside and top and bottom.



Figure 8



Figure 9

## Straight Staircase Assembly Instruction



#### <u>PARTS</u>

Staircase-1 Staircase rail-1 Newel post-2 Treads-12 Top tread-1

#### Note:

Read through instructions prior to gluing parts to understand the assembly process.



# \*\*The Little Briana requires the rails to be to the Left side. Install treads with the holes to the Left.....\*\*

Step 1. Using the top larger tread place on the left side opposite the handrail or tread cutouts and hold flush to the edge of staircase, install glue to the staircase and apply tread using the larger tread as a guide to keep the installed tread flush with the staircase edge, Fig 1. Continue the process till all 12 treads are installed. Fig. 2 Note that all 12 treads are aligned to right side edge and protrude slightly on the left, this is the correct manner installed. Figure 3







Figure 1 Figure 2

Figure 3

Step 2. Install top tread making sure it is aligned to the rear of staircase, see figure 4.

Step 3. Install and glue handrail into tread cutout slots. WARNING DO NOT PRESS DOWN HARD AS THE RAILS CAN BREAK!! Figure 5.

Strength of the rail will be strong once glued together.....

Step 4. Install Newel post at top of stairs, install bottom newel post once stairs is installed into House. Fig. 6

**Staircase Assembly Completed...** 



Figure 4



Figure 5

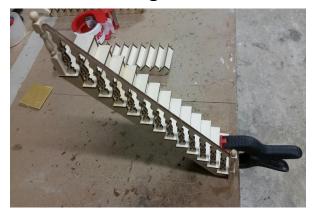


Figure 6

#### House Dry Assembly

The Dry assembly is done to assure all parts are in kit and the you get familiar with kit assembly prior to gluing. This is where once we are done we can visualize the house, mark rooms for what we plan to make them into, prepare our list or materials and order furniture. This is in my opinion the most important part of entering the build process. During this DO NOT GLUE NO PARTS!!! Use masking tape.

Step 1. Locate the base seen in fig.1 Install base part S1 thru S7, install S3 &S4 last as they are cross supports fitted over S1 and S2.

Step 2. Locate the 4 porch post as seen in fig.2 install the 4 long post into the first floor marked with 1A thru 1E. Refer to figure 3 Use the front porch set frame as a guide for alignment and make sure all corner post seat into the corner lower cutouts.

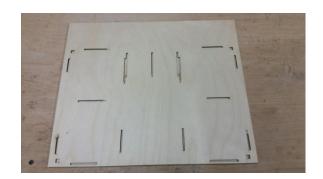


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

Step 3. Install walls 1A thru 1C as seen in figure 4. All corners are to be flush.

Step 4. Install interior walls 1D and 1E and remaining 4 porch post. figure 5

Step 5. Install  $2^{nd}$  floor, recommend you have some help in aligning post and walls see figure 6.



Figure 4





Figure 5 Figure 6

Step 6. Locate stairs assembly, figure 7. Install stairs into house. Figure 8

Step 7. Insert wall 1G into the rear of the floors and into wall 1G.

Step 8. Install 2<sup>nd</sup> floor outer walls, figure 9





Figure 9

Figure 8



Figure 7

Step 9. Locate the 8 porch roof supports. Note that two only have one tab these will fix to the rear of the side panels once they are in place, figure 10.

Step 10. Install the 6 panel supports around the upper porch roof, figure 11.

Step 11. Install the 3 roof panels as seen in figure 12.



Figure 10





Step 12. Install the two rear supports to the back of the side panels as seen in fig. 13.

Step 13. Install interior wall panels as seen in figure 14. <u>DO not</u> glue as you may need to remove for aligning alcove roof later.

Step 14. Install interior bathroom roof panel. Figure 15



Figure 13



Figure 14



Figure 15

#### House Dry Assembly

Step 15. Install interior door and interior door frame, figure 16.

Step 16. Remove and set out the windows, all windows glass contain a protective cover. For the Main front center window and the side octagon windows you may remove the glass and these you can paint and pop in the glass without gluing. They should stay, if not apply a very small amount of glue and spread on interior frame, insert glass and clean excessive glue. DO NOT USE SUPERGLUE ON GLASS!! Tacky wood glue is good and dries clear, also cleans with a wet Q tip.

Step 17. Locate the 4 Victorian single windows fig 17, paint before installing glass also avoid getting excessive paint into the window guide. Once painted remove protective cover from glass and install at the rear of the two panes the glass. Again if needed apply a very small amount of glue (NOT SUPERGLUE). Install glass. Do not press to hard as this may break the window if needed due to paint lightly sand the glass sides on 220 grit sandpaper to get a good fit. Figure 18



Figure 17



Figure 18



Figure 16

Step 18. Install windows and doors exterior, figure 19

Step 19. Install front roof panel. Figure 20

Step 20. Install gable and rear roof panel, figure 21



Figure 19







Figure 21

Step 21. Install alcove roof panels and gable, figure 22

Step 22. Align and tape into place the front alcove panels with the main front roof panel, figure 23.

Step 23. Install the porch railing and top rail beam in-between the porch posts. Figure 24



Figure 22





Figure 23

Figure 24

Step 24. Install porch fretwork upper rails, figure 25...

Step 25. Install the porch running trim as seen in figure 26. There are 7 rails and one is slightly longer this is the one that goes over the center porch opening in front of the main door.

Step 26. Install the risers for the porch stairs as seen in fig. 27



Figure 25



Figure 26



Figure 27

Step 27. Install the treads and hand rails, see figure 28.

Step 28. If ordered, proceed to shingles. All shingles are separated by the location of where they go . Start with the porch roof. First lay out the three sets of shingles making sure to keep them separate from one another. Lay them out from longest to shortest. Now grab the longest for the three different porch roof panels and place them on the roof. Organize them to be even with the lower panel lower edge( pointed out as reference in fig 31) and that they meet on each corner flush. There maybe a small gab as seen in figure 29. Once you have the three where you want them, mark them at that location with a pencil and glue.

Step 29. Once the bottom three are glued now grab the next longest shingles for the three panels and place on the roof. You want to at this point use the "SHINGLE DISTANCE MARKER" that came in the kit to guide you on the distance ABOVE last placed shingle as seen in fig.30, also use the shingle lines and center to lower shingle( pointed out in fig 31), it should form and offset pattern. Follow same process for completing roof.





Figure 29

Figure 30

Lower shingle even to bottom of panel.

Note that the shingles are set centered to the line of the shingle below it.



Figure 28



Figure 31



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