

The Adventures of Tom Thumb
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 to Scale for 1:12 dollhouses
 Paper Minis, Prod. No. bc601



Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade
- A thin metal straightedge ruler. Make fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers, detailing scissors
- Good cutting mat (cardboard will ruin your blades and project)
- 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
- A couple of small office binder clips
- A fluid tube of plastic cement for glueing the laminated storage box sleeve. Toothpick for spreading plastic cement.



1. **NOTE:** the book used in the photos may be different, but the construction is identical to your book. Cut out the parts. Use scissors to cut the laminated box sleeve.



2. Fan-fold all page strips taking care that the raw edges line up perfectly. There is a little tab at one end of the panel. Use the glue stick to glue it to the back of the respective panel of pages. You now have a long accordion strip.



3. Next, carefully add a layer of glue stick to the back side of the strip. You may wish to do a little at a time in conjunction with the next step. **DO NOT SPREAD GLUE TO BACKS OF END BOARDS!**
 NOTE: I like to make one stripe of glue down the center lengthwise. The pages seem to be more flexible, less stiff, than if the backs were completely covered with glue.



4. One-by-one, press the blank sides of the pages together. Be careful to align the raw edges of the pages as perfectly as possible.



5. Compress the stack of pages and pinch pages with the office clips leaving the spine side exposed. Use the artist's brush to paint a thick even coat of glue to the length of the pages along the spine. Set aside to dry thoroughly.



6. Take the ruler and fold one long side and one short side.



7. Take the cover's lining panel and position it against the two folded sides. Complete the folds on the remaining sides. If the diagonal edges at the corners do not meet, trim a very, very, very thin edge off of the interfacing.



8. Paint a layer of glue to the interfacing piece. Place in position in the cover and press smooth.



9. Paint glue to the perimeter tabs and glue down to interfacing. Take care to pull the diagonal corner seams close to each other.



10. There are two guidelines on the interfacing. These designate where the spine is to be. Use the edge of a ruler to fold at those guidelines.



11. Next take the stack of pages and position it inside the cover to ensure that the fit is good. Paint glue to the blank side of the 'end boards' and the spine. Use plenty of glue so it stays wet long enough for you to position the pages before a sticking bond occurs.



12. Position the unit carefully on the inside of the book cover. Flatten out edges.



13. To accurately position the dust jacket, firmly hold the printed spine area of the dust jacket right over the spine area of the book. Slip the front flap inside the cover and then crease along the book's edge. Repeat for the back flap.



14. Fold the laminated box sleeve at seams. Use a toothpick to smear the clear plastic cement on the side tab. Press bond with tweezers. Allow to dry thoroughly before sliding book into place.

