

# Paper Minis Book 2 Winter Holidays, Volume 1



“Good to Know” on-line tutorials for your project, and a tutorial for antiquing as well as how to make a tissue stuffer, are found at this link:

<http://paperminis.com/books/tutors.htm>

## Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blade. Young hobbyists, please have an adult helper when using a blade tool. Projects can be cut with scissors if you prefer.
- A thin metal straightedge ruler can be used to make perfect fold lines by pressing against edge of the ruler.
- Tweezers are good for holding and pressing glue bonds.
- A cotton swab is also a useful tool for pressing glue bonds.
- Use a good cutting mat. Cardboard used as a substitute cutting mat will ruin your blade and your project will have rough edges.
- The best glue to use is a fast-grab, quick-dry, white craft glue that dries clear. Regular craft glue is too soupy to be of help here.
- An acid-free glue stick comes in handy, but only use when specified.
- A small piece of aluminum foil makes a good disposable glue pot.
- A slender artist's paintbrush is a good tool to use to apply glue. Wash the brush in clear water when not in use. Some prefer to use a toothpick, but a brush will give you much more control.
- Gold tissue paper (or other holiday color)
- Self-dry clay or other compound for puzzle cubes' interior
- Ribbon (preferably 1/8" wide) for gifts and bag handles
- Mardi Gras beads or other 8mm (+/-) beads
- A small piece of acetate for ornament box window. You can recycle acetate from your own cake or pastry packaging
- Gold jewelry spacer/caps for the tops of the ornaments
- Thin brass hobby wire for ornament loops and card swag
- Miniature wine bottle is optional. Find on Ebay.com



## Advent Calendar:

1. Cut windows with an X-acto knife.
2. Place backing to front to determine if windows are cut properly to accommodate prizes.
3. Paint a thin line of glue around perimeter of back panel. Line up front panel to back and press.



## Holiday Cards for fireplace mantel:

1. Cut wire a few inches longer than your mantel or other setting, so you can twist ends to secure.
2. Fold cards in half. Place dot of glue at card fold.
3. Leaving end of wire for twist, place first card with dot of glue on wire and close slightly over wire. Repeat for each additional card.



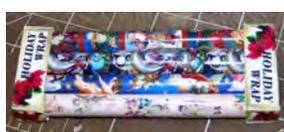
## Gift Bags:

1. Create bag shell by glueing side tab then the bottom tabs.
2. Cut 4 lengths of satin ribbon of about 1.5" each for handles.
3. Glue one end at a time and allow to dry before moving to the next end.
4. See the on-line tutorial library for instructions on making tissue stuffing.



## Gift Wrap Pack:

1. Glue caddy ends creating open box shapes.
2. Wind gift wrap on dowel like bbq skewer or slender knitting needle. Check fit into one of the caddy ends. Gauge fit for four rolls.
3. If it is the right circumference, glue roll's edge into place.
4. Repeat for all 4 rolls.
5. Glue caddy ends onto the 4 rolls.



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**Ornaments Box:**

1. First cut window of box top.
2. Next cut box and use straight-edge ruler to create crease lines.
3. Glue side tabs. Make sure that the bottom fits into the top.
4. Size acetate and glue into back side of window.
5. Cut dividers and slide cuts into each other. Place a ball into each section. You can dress up the beads with the jewelry caps for a touch of authenticity.



**Nest Blocks:**

Create boxes same as the above box.



**Stack Gift Boxes:**

1. Cut parts and fold against the straight-edge ruler to create crease lines.



2. Glue single side tab to create beginning of a box form. Glue rectangular ends in place.



3. Glue triangular tabs in place.

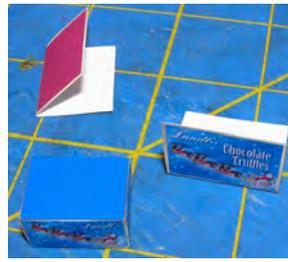


4. Glue boxes on top of each other.
5. Glue gift tags in place.
6. Tie a regular bow, or visit the Paper Minis website and go to the on-line tutorial library where you will find instructions on how to make a gift bow.



**Wine Box:**

1. Glue wine label onto bottle (use hot water to remove original label, if one exists).
2. Form box and lid using the straight-edge to create clean crease lines.
3. Glue side tabs. Ensure the fit of the lid before glueing the side tabs. Pinch glued tabs with tweezers to make them smooth enough for a good lid fit.



4. See the on-line tutorial for tissue stuffer.

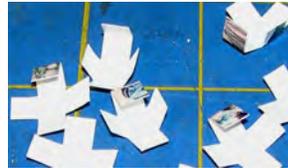
**Candy Box:**

1. Make a box of the main piece.
2. Fold the top and bottom panels in half.
3. Glue the blank sides together, you may use glue stick for this step.
4. Glue top panel to the box. Glue the bottom panel to the box.

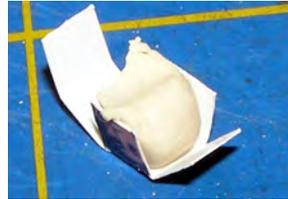


**Block Ornaments:**

1. Very carefully cut the block coverings and fold at junctions.



2. Use one of the patterns found in the kit to shape the clay (not shown). Take a pinch of clay and form in the pattern, subtract or add accordingly. Allow the blocks to dry.



3. Pain the inside of the block wrapper and seal around the clay block.



4. Cut wire in strips about 2-2.5" in length.



5. Fold wire loosely in half, thread ends through hole in the jewelry cap, and roll as shown. Wire is too long in photo, so in this case trim before rolling the ends.



6. Glue the unit to the top of the ornament block.



**Box of Puzzle Blocks:**

1. Each side creates a vintage picture. Pictures are displayed on the back of the box.
2. Create box as you did the wine box.
3. Create block as you did the ornament blocks.

