

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

A SERIES OF
PROJECTS FOR
THE BEGINNING
MINIATURE MAKER

OCTOBER 2016: VINTAGE HALLOWEEN TREAT BUCKET



Materials and Supplies:

$\frac{3}{4}$ " Diameter wooden bead

Orange painters tape

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " 28 gauge black wire

Craft paint: black, white, red, blue, yellow

Small sharp scissors, #0 or #1 round paint brush, tiny hole punch

Instructions:



1. Tear off a 4" piece of painters tape and wrap it around your bead so that the sticky-side is facing out. Overlap the ends. Cover the bead completely by wrapping more pieces of tape, sticky-side around it. See illustrations 1 and 2.



2. Tear off a couple more 4" pieces of tape. Tear each piece along its length into $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips. Wrap the $\frac{1}{4}$ " strips around the tape-covered bead from the top to the bottom to create the illusion of the ridges of the pumpkin. Tape strips should slightly overlap. Keep wrapping until you have a couple layers. See illustration 3.
3. Next, take a small scissors and cut a hole in the top of the tape. Enlarge the hole just enough to be able to push the bead out of the tape shell. (Note: To extract the bead it is helpful to put a screwdriver into the hole in the bead and use it as an anchor to help pull the bead out.) Once the bead is out of the tape shell, you may need to reshape the pumpkin container with your fingers.
4. To trim the cut edge of the pumpkin container, cut a 3" x $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide strip of painters tape and wrap it over the edge as pictured in illustration 4.
5. Now you will paint the face of the pumpkin. Using a dry paintbrush and black paint, create two fuzzy-edged black dots for the background of the eyes. Next paint a black triangle for the nose. Then paint a red smile for the mouth. Allow these colors to dry. Once dry, paint a thin white line along the center of the mouth and add short vertical lines for the teeth. Using a dry brush with a tiny bit of white paint, gently dab some white along the edges of the nose to give it a distressed look. To complete the eyes,

paint white circles over the black circles, then a smaller blue circle and a finally dot of black paint for the pupil. Finish your pumpkin by painting some vertical yellow lines along the ridges of the pumpkin.

6. To form the handle for your treat bucket, punch two holes across from each other near the opening of the bucket. Thread the piece of black wire through the holes, twisting them to secure. Trim excess wire.