

THE MINITIME MACHINE PRESENTS

HOW TO

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PROJECTS FOR
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miniature maker

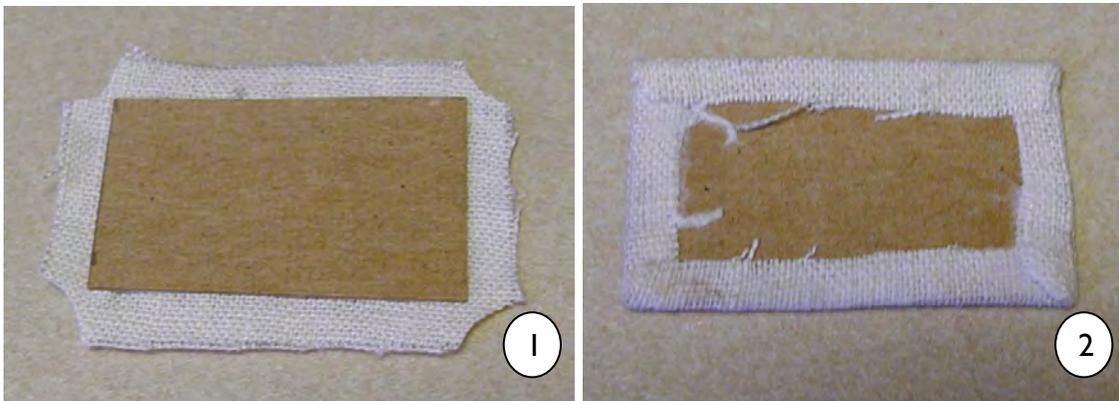


MAY 2012: MINIATURE BUTTERFLY SHADOWBOX

Materials and Supplies:

- thin cardboard cut to 7/8" x 1 3/8" rectangle
- thin cream linen fabric cut to 1 1/4" x 1 5/8" rectangle
- butterfly template printed in color on vellum paper
- thin craft wood cut to 1" x 1 1/2" rectangle (TIP: You could use a Woodsie rectangle.)
- craft stick cut to the following lengths: 2 sticks cut 1 5/8" long and 2 sticks cut 1" long.
- discarded clear plastic clam shell packaging with a flat surface area from which you can cut a 1" x 1 1/2" rectangle
- sharp scissors (TIP: A small precision scissors works best for cutting small shapes.)
- ruler
- bone folder
- toothpick
- miter box with saw (for cutting craft wood)
- Tacky glue
- sandpaper

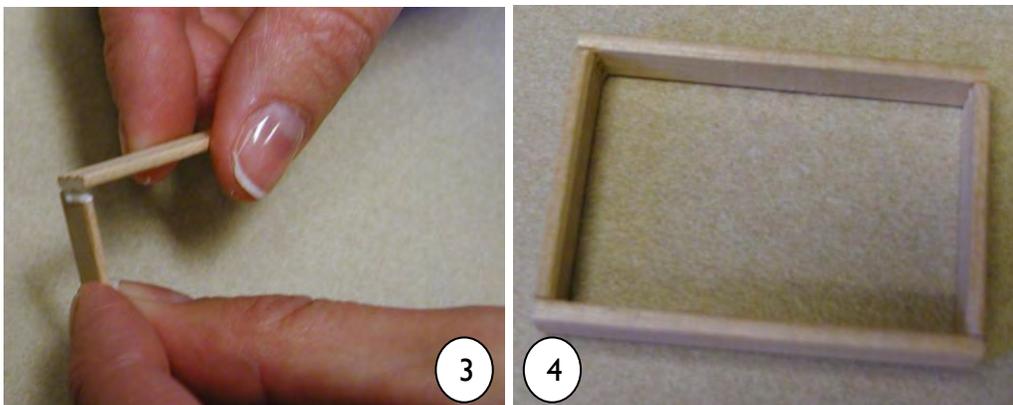
Instructions:



Measure and cut the cardboard and linen to the specified size. Apply glue to one side of the cardboard rectangle and lay it on the center of the linen fabric. Press firmly. Turn the cardboard so the fabric is face up and use your bone folder to smooth out any wrinkles in the fabric. Clip the corners of the fabric. (Illustration 1) Apply glue to the edges of the linen and wrap the edges around the back of the square. (Illustration 2)

Cut out your wood rectangle and sand the edge smooth. Glue the linen board to the center of the wood.
NOTE: There should be a narrow 1/16" of wood showing around the edge of the linen.

Print out the butterfly template on your vellum paper and carefully cut out six butterflies. Fold the butterflies gently along the length of their bodies so that the wings fan slightly forward. Use a toothpick to add a tiny bit of glue to the center of each body and carefully position the butterflies in on the linen board. Set aside to dry.



Next measure and cut your thin craft wood and craft sticks to specified sizes. Sand the edges of the pieces smooth. Next apply glue along the end of each 1" craft stick and stick the each piece to one of the 1 1/2" craft stick to form an "L" shape. (Illustration 3) Set to dry. Once the "L's" are dry apply glue to the other end of the 1" length and glue the two "L's" together to form a rectangle frame. (Illustrations 4) Set to dry.

Position the frame over the mounting board and press in place. If it board doesn't fit snugly in the frame you may add glue to the edge to secure it in the frame.

Measure and cut out a 1" x 1 1/2" rectangle from the clear plastic clam shell package. Use a toothpick to apply a thin layer of glue to the edge of the wood rectangle frame and attach the clear plastic to the top of the frame.

Butterfly template

