

Ann's Curio Cabinet Childhood Dollhouse (1" dollhouse scale 1:12)



Before

Inside dimensions: 22" high x 17.5" wide x 5.75" deep

Required tools and supplies:

- X-acto knife and fresh blades
- A thin metal straight-edge ruler
- Good cutting mat
- Good wide, thick paint brush for applying wallpaper glue
- Fast-grab, quick-dry white craft glue that dries clear
- Cup for glue/water mix
- Clear acrylic spray that will not bleed and drip on the wallpaper
- **Optional:** white corrugated plastic sheet to cover side cabinet windows
- Utility knife for cutting corrugated plastic sheet
- **Optional:** PaperMinis.com wallpaper CD for printing your own wallpaper and floor coverings. Use cover-stock weight paper.
- Leaving the tutorial on your screen allows you to zoom in closely on the photos.
- Cabinet was purchased secondhand on eBay or Craigslist.



The first thing I did was to verify all my childhood furniture and accessories fit. In the end I did some rearranging, but I did know from the layout that all furniture would fit when the doors are closed.



After



Here I tried out positioning some windows I had on hand. Later it was determined too difficult and way too busy.



Clear everything out, remove the shelves then cut the corrugated white plastic to fit in the side cabinet window panels. The panel of corrugated plastic makes the fake wall flush so wallpaper will cover on the same plane as the back wall. Apologies for not having a photo to show the extent of this description.



Mix the white tacky glue with a little water to ease the smooth application to the back of the wallpaper. Mix plenty!



The center castle scene panel was glued into place at the back wall's center point.



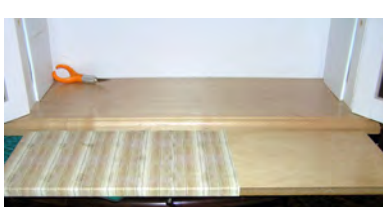
As you can see, the 3-panel castle scene wallpaper is used for the German bedroom furniture. The size was not quite the right fit, so...



I used all three panels and then repeated the left and right panels but reversed them to right and left.



The panels fell a little short, so I used a border from another wallpaper to run along the bottom. The border was made from multiple print-outs of a rug's border. Rugs are found on the Paper Minis CD.



For the floor I used one of the hardwood wallpapers. It required two printouts.

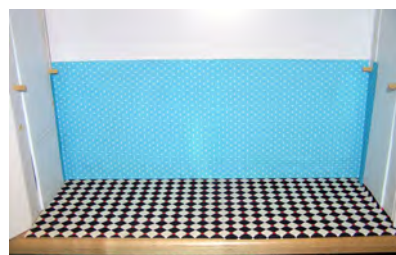


You may not find the same problems on your cabinet. However, I hope you learn from this tutorial how to work "outside the box" to make the paper work for you.

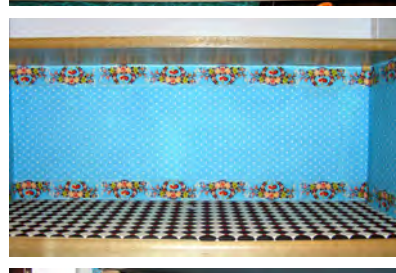
NOTE: not shown in this tutorial is the use of ceiling panels used to the underside of the shelves.



It made sense to me to go to the bottom floor in order to avoid crooked installations. The diamond wallpaper was pieced together (2 sheets) to create the kitchen floor.



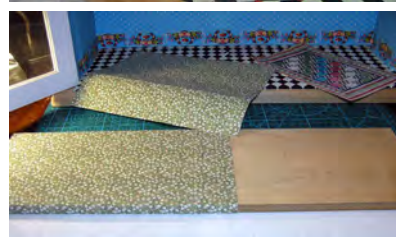
Here the polka-dot wallpaper was adhered to the back wall. The wallpaper covers the area in back of the shelf to avoid any exposed white.



Border for the top and bottom of the wallpaper. The shelf was put in so I would know exactly where to place the top border.



The kitchen breakfront was put in place to make sure all elements work well together.



The second floor design was glued next. The ceiling for the first floor is glued in after the floor design.



Here is a rest stop to see if all is working correctly.



The second floor will have one paper below chair-rail height and another for the top half of the wall. Because there will be a border across the middle, I did not need to make the wallpaper all the same height here. That way I did not need to print another sheet. Thus, saving good paper!



Next came the top portion of the living room paper.



Followed by the matching chair-rail border, which does a great job of covering any problems. I used one of the CD's rugs printed on fuzzy paper for the living room.



The last step is to take the cabinet outside, cover the doors with trash bags and spray multiple layers of very thin polyurethane spray made for this purpose. Modge Podge Matte Sealer was used here.



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