

MiniTown Loft Interior

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Structure:

- #52012 MiniTown Loft Kit
- #52013 MiniTown Loft Components Kit
- #6022 Single French Door
(For modification details see Tips & Tricks, below.)

Accessories:

- #7024 Random Plank Flooring
(main level and bedroom)
- #7329 White Small Hexagon Tile Sheet
- #5099 2 Plexiglass Sheets #9664
- 1/4" Square Clear Tile Sheet *(bathroom "wall", supported by short pieces of #7066 Grooved Roof Ridge)*
- #9154 4" x 1/16" Basswood Sheet
(cut to 3" for vertical panel between living room and kitchen/bathroom)
- #4405 Self-Adhesive Light Switches
- #4406 Self-Adhesive Wall Outlets
- #4407 Self-Adhesive Heat Registers
- #43025 Danielle
- #3028 Kate
- #3026 Carly
- #22564 Playful Black and White Kitten



Other materials/Modifications

Standard 1 x 4 lumber (actual dimensions 3/4" x 3 3/4") was cut and stacked to form the step/shelving structure; the top surfaces are covered with paper to hide the joints. Stair unit was shortened by three steps.

A new loft level was cut from 3/8" MDF, adding a 3" x 3 3/16" landing.

A 1/2" dia. dowel was used as the support column, covered in "stainless steel" self-adhesive vinyl. Chrome-finish grommets saved from packaging are the floor and ceiling mounting plates.

Paint color for end walls is "Sultana" interior latex by Martha Stewart Living, premixed tester from Home Depot.

Paint color for back wall is "Clear Blue Sky" interior latex by Glidden, premixed tester from Home Depot.

All unstained interior wood surfaces were sealed with an acrylic interior gloss

varnish. Ceilings were painted with flat white interior latex; stair stringers were painted with gloss white acrylic.

Windows/skylights in the #52013 Components Kit come pre-finished with a clear satin sealer and were not modified.



Living Room Décor/Furnishings

- #50316 4-Pc. Midnight Blue Living Room Set
(used sofa only, modified as in Tips & Tricks, below)
- #54020 2 White Block End Tables
- #4435 Watercolor Blocks Rug
- #54018 Framed Fireplace
- #H500 4 1/2"-Scale 4-Light Window
(3 used, next to tall window, fitted with #9673 Mirror Sheet)
- #64084 Tall Palm in Square Planter
- #62009 Jade Plant Dish Garden
- #71006 Potted Jade Plant
- #21053 Tiny Potted Spider Plant
- #5012 Set of 12 Handcrafted Books, 3/4"
- #5013 Set of 12 Handcrafted Books, 7/8"
- #1857 1/4"-Scale 5-Pc. Table and Chairs Set
- #54017 2-Pc. Now & Then Clocks
- #36198 2 Modern Magazines
- #63146 Set of 2 Square Bowls
- #23722 Square Art Deco Pillow
- #2831 Berkshire 12V Working Floor Lamp

Tips & Tricks/Modifications

The door is painted with Making Memories Scrapbook Colors "Sunflower" and sealed with gloss acrylic interior varnish. The "glass" was replaced with a piece of #529 Rippled Water Sheet. The stiles are #9110 3/8" x 1/32" Strip Wood. Doorframe is #9149 1/2" x 1/16" Strip Wood, sealed. The door handle is 1/16" dia. aluminum tubing, bent and fitted into drilled holes. The "lock" is the head of a 1/8" brad.

The sofa was modernized by prying the seat and base apart (attached with hot glue), removing the skirt, adding small feet made from stained sections of Houseworks #12024 spreaders into drilled holes, and reusing the skirt fabric to smoothly cover the base and allow the feet to show. Reassembled with white glue and clamps.

The artwork above the door (and in the bedroom) is made with a Martha Stewart decorative punch from Michael's, photocopies of small-print fabric, and paint chips. The painted-white frames are the interior trim from the #H5004 windows used as mirrors near the tall window.

The round rug is a foam coaster from a Dollar Tree set of six. The mobile is origami cranes folded from 1" squares, suspended on fishing line from a foam core circle.

The underside of the stair stringers has strips of self-adhesive stainless steel vinyl studded with sequin-pin nails.

The railing is 3/32" aluminum tubing, purchased at a hardware store; Plexiglass (#5099); and double-loop metal jewelry findings (shaped like the number 8). I drilled 3/32" dia. holes in the loft platform and on the top and bottom stair tread, transferred the marks to graph paper and drew a template to bend the tubing (with smooth-jawed jewelry pliers). Check that they fit properly and adjust as necessary.

The acrylic panels are approximately 1/4" smaller on every side than the inside dimensions of the railing pieces; check with a jewelry finding in place. Using a 1/32" finger drill (from #60935), I made holes spaced approx. 1/2" away from each corner and 1/16" in from the edge on three sides of each panel; six holes total. I added three more holes, evenly spaced, for the stair panel. *Note: A detailed instruction sheet will be available separately.*



Bathroom Décor/Furnishings

- #26303 Corner Shower Stall (*modified, see Tips & Tricks, below*)
- #4015 Updated Basic Bathroom
- #37121 Metro Mirror
- #66052 Corner Shelf
- #23205 6-Pc. Beige and White Spa Bath Set
- #51285 Ornate Bath Fixture Set
- #10382 2 Boxes of Facial Tissues
- #2828 Kent 12V Working Wall Sconce
- #66951 25 Glass Blocks
- #66952 Ten Glass Blocks

Tips & Tricks/Modifications

The shower stall was modified by removing the shower curtain and rod and adding Glass Blocks to the opening. I assembled two panels of 14 blocks each, held together with clear cellophane tape. To fill the gap where the glass blocks meet the angled shower wall I fitted the curved side of #81430 1/8" Basswood Quarter Round molding into the recess of the blocks and filled the remaining gap with #4199 3/16" Cove molding. The panels are glued in place, one at a time, with #30102 DAP Strongstick.

The partition between the bedroom and bathroom would have been solid in another situation, but is transparent here to allow visibility for photography. The pattern on the #9664 Tile Sheet is drawn with a permanent marker



Bedroom Décor/Furnishings

- #61081 Tall Potted Palm
- #54019 Rattan Table/Stool
- #2823 Marlow 12V Working Table Lamp
- #H5025 1/2"-Scale Louvered Shutters

Tips & Tricks/Modifications

The mattress is a batting-wrapped piece of rigid foam, 4" x 6", glued to a cardboard base and covered with decorative fabric.

The bed platform is a 4 3/8" x 6 3/8" frame of #7515 Strip Wood (1/8" x 3/4"), mounted on 1/2" wood cubes, stained with Chartpak permanent marker (P-71 Burnt Umber).

The window shutters are hinged and can move. The hinges are 1/16" strips cut from the folded edge of a recycled/discarded Tyvek mailing envelope and glued in place. The #H5025 Shutters fit perfectly in this window.

Artwork as in living room



Kitchen Décor/Furnishings

- #75449 White Freezer-on-the-Bottom Refrigerator
- #76868 Studio Chair
- #10012 White 2-Pc. Display Shelving and Kitchen Cabinet Set (*shelf unit was intentionally used upside down, see Tips & Tricks for details*)
- #8473 Microwave Oven
- #54028 Ernie's Kitchen Espresso Machine
- #22940 Sleek and Modern Toaster
- #73083 Stainless Steel Trash Can
- #2317 Banbury Ceiling Light
- #504057 Cork Bulletin Board
- #24046 Essential Cup & Saucer Set
- #33370 Essential Salad Plates
- #34047 12 Green Apples
- #55046 Pair of Salt and Pepper Shakers
- #36132 Saltines and Vanilla Wafers
- #37003 Classic "Better Homes" Cookbook
- #54303 3 Jars of Pasta Sauces
- #22882 3-Pc. Red Check Kitchen Set
- #63324 3 Red Canisters
- #78611 22 Jewel-Tone Bottles



Tips & Tricks/Modifications

The table is a 2" x 4" half-circle of 1/8" basswood, edged with a strip of the stainless steel vinyl. The three legs are silver-painted rigid plastic tubing, 1/4" Dia. x 2 3/8" long.

Chair cushions are made of thin batting and small-print fabric upholstered over cardboard cut to the seat shape.

The wall unit of #10012 was intentionally used upside down to allow more height above the counter and to go all the way to the ceiling.

The backsplash is a photocopy of small-print fabric intended for use elsewhere in the loft.

The stovetop is printed on glossy photo paper to simulate the glass of a smooth electric cook top. Beads were added to resemble knobs. The image was found online with a Google search for "electric cook top".

The sink faucet was made following the FranMadeMinis tutorial available separately.

The runner on the floor is a photocopied section of #23111 Seixas Tile Flooring.

The under shelf light is #55301 12" Bright White LED Strip, shortened to 8".