

Junk for Joy Exterior

by Fran Casselman

Items used:

- #92021 MiniTown Studio Shell Kit
- #34977 Embossed Light Brick Sheet
- #1073 Fred's Wood Weathering Stuff
- #5007 Traditional 24-Light Window
- #6001 Four Panel Traditional Door
- #2076 Mortar Mix
- #9754 Corrugated Roofing/Siding
- #1750 Pink, Yellow and Purple Garden Growies
- #40430 Pair of Block Terra-Cotta Planters
- #40470 Trio of Square Succulent Planters
- #33077 Brantley
- #17510 12-Pcs. of 1/8" x 1/8" Strip Wood Set
- #54021 Pair of Block End Tables

Other items in the scene were crafted and/or purchased from craft stores and other retailers.



Structure

Brantley's welding studio began as the MiniTown Studio Shell Kit (#92021) and was modified as follows:

Door position was moved and window openings were moved and/or enlarged.

The exterior is covered with #34977 Embossed Light Brick Sheet, which has been painted over with #1073 Fred's Wood Weathering Stuff to soften the bright color.

The Four-Panel Traditional Door #6001 was transformed into a flush-surface "steel" door as follows: The recessed-panel areas were filled in with wood filler and sanded smooth. A layer of paper was glued over that, and the door was painted medium grey. It was also rehung in the frame to reverse the swing.

The two large windows are #5007, Traditional 24-Light Window, modified by trimming off the extended sides to create an even frame, and by removing every other vertical muntin bar.

All windows and frames are painted Antique White.

Brantley's apron is faux suede material, cut following a stabilized fabric pattern made to fit around his hands.

The sidewalk is made from 1/2" foam core pieces with egg-carton curbstones. Pavement is #2076 Mortar Mix, aged with #1073 Fred's Wood Weathering Stuff and stained with diluted acrylic paints.

Planters are filled with snippets of artificial silk/plastic greenery and flowers, except as noted.

Planters and garden art, from left (all are painted with gunmetal and/or silver acrylic craft paint, "rusted" with diluted paints and inks):

Round planter is a leftover scrap of #9754 roofing material wrapped around a piece of rigid foam insulation sheet. Flowers at base of "tree" are from #1750 Pink, Yellow and Purple Garden Growies.

"Iron" orbs are made from quilling paper strips, pre-curved to avoid sharp bends, cut, glued and painted.

Tall smooth planters are #40430 Pair of Block Terra-Cotta Planters, painted and "rusted" as above. Flowers at base and spilling over edge are from #1750 Pink, Yellow and Purple Garden Growies.

Rectangular planter is made from wooden coffee stirrers and corrugated scrapbook paper, painted, aged and "rusted." Flowers spilling over the edge are from #1750 Pink, Yellow and Purple Garden Growies.

The round planter to the right of the door is a salad dressing bottle cap wrapped in corrugated scrapbook paper with legs made from #17510 1/8" x 1/8" Strip Wood, painted, aged and "rusted." Flowers spilling over the edge are from #1750 Pink, Yellow and Purple Garden Growies.

On the far right is one of #54021 Pair of Block End Tables with applied corrugated scrapbook paper and wooden coffee stirrers, all painted, aged and "rusted."