



Romance Novel

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Setting:

- #41729 Red Tulip Tapestry Wallpaper
- #45116 Parquet Wood Flooring Paper
- #2403 Jamestown Fireplace

Accessories:

- #5729 Romantic Courtyard Framed Print
- #383 Double Brass Candlestick Sconce
- #42348 Paris Flower Market Pillow
- #22275 Resting West Highland Terrier
- #6893 Mini Kit for Two Trays
- #68067 Chocolate Raspberry Torte
- #73130 Flatware Set
- #33512 Red Glass Heart Vase and Rosebud
- #4468 Windsor Rug
- #23723 Royal Art Deco Pillow
- #23023 Pizza Pan & Muffin Tin Set
- #71138 Champagne Bucket with Ice
- #13161 3-Pc. Champagne Set
- #42374 Savon au Parfum Pillow

Furnishings:

- #53155 Right-Now Red Club Chair
- #76042 Singleton End Table

On fireplace wall:

- #40330 Scroll Bookends
- #40610 Row of Worn Books
- #23856 Romance Tabletop Figurine
- #61005 12 Blooming Pink Roses
- #23865 Musical Romance Tabletop Figurine
- #40350 Pineapple Bookends
- #40601 Row of Old Books
- #5013 Set of 12 Handcrafted Books
- #40601 Row of Old Books
- #2331 Regency Grate with Lighted Embers
- #40610 Row of Worn Books
- #40601 Row of Old Books
- #40620 Stack of Big Books
- #40640 Stack of Encyclopedias

Crafty Extras:

- See below for construction instructions for fireplace/bookcase unit.
- Fireplace Fire Printie available.

Fireplace/bookcase wall unit

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The fireplace/bookcase unit shown uses two modified #6942 Pediment-Top Bookcase Kits

Materials & tools:

#6942 Pediment-Top Bookcase Kits
#2403 Jamestown Fireplace
#17512 3/8" width Strip wood
#17513 1/2" width Strip wood
#778 1/2"-Scale Rough Brick Sheet
#7069 Small Crown Moulding
Gray-black acrylic paint
Clear satin varnish

Cut back and side pieces of bookcase kits to height of fireplace. Assemble bookcases according to kit instructions, using the larger spacing template for the two lower shelves. Install the toe-kick panel at the front edge, not recessed. *Tip: Save leftover bookcase pieces for other future projects.*

Glue spacer pieces of strip wood to sides of bookcases, flush with front and back; 3/8" width strip wood near the fireplace and 1/2" width strip wood at the outside. Add end panels if needed for your installation.

From the back of the fireplace, trim away the side mantel overhang to allow the modified bookcase to fit directly against the fireplace. Do not cut away the front of the mantel; allow it to extend over the spacer piece.

Finish fireplace hearth and firebox as desired. I used a scrap piece of 1/2"-Scale Rough Brick Sheet for the firebox, dry-brushed with gray-black acrylic paint over white primer for an uneven look. (The firebox is open at the top back, so it is easy to insert an interior piece.) The "slate" surrounding the firebox opening is a small

laminated countertop sample, cut to fit and scored to look like tiles. (Install after finishing.)

Sand as needed and paint the components as desired. Also paint a short length of small crown moulding to trim the top of the bookcases.

When all the paint is dry, glue the three components together, making sure they are flush at the back and bottom.

After the glue has dried, add the trim molding to the top of the bookcases, cutting the fireplace end to fit against the mantel edge. (If needed for your installation, miter the open end and continue the molding around the corner.)

To create an even top surface, put the assembled unit upside down on a piece of poster board or smooth-surface mat board. Trace the outline of the top and cut out. Paint all sides, including edges, and let dry well. Glue the top to the unit, clamping and/or weighting as needed.

Sand and touch up paint as needed. Apply one or two coats of clear satin varnish to entire unit.