

WORK PROJECT: LIGHTKEEPER'S HOUSE KIT

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Materials from miniatures.com:

- Lightkeeper House 1/24th Scale; item #99601
- 1/24 Shingles for the top row; item #H7004
- 1/24 Victorian Glazed Door; item #H6033
- 1/24 8-light window with shutters x2; item #H5003
- 1/24 Door Knob; item #H1114
- Quick Grip Glue; item #59334

Kit Assembly:

1 The kit from www.miniatures.com comes complete and you can finish it buying only paint and glue.

2 I wanted a door that wasn't completely solid and different windows so I changed them.

3 I also used the shingles provided with the kit except for the last row and used 1/24 shingles. They're the same width but a little shorter, so I didn't have to cut length off on the top row.

Exterior:

1 The outside is finished in my favorite pale green, a brighter white trim and then has a weathered roof.

2 My dad cut a little step with some scrap wood that I painted and glued in place.

3 The edge trim is 1/4" stick trim found at a craft store.



I chose this sweet little lightkeeper's house in 1/24 scale and it now sits on my favorite cabinet. It needs some window boxes to make it the perfect cottage, but other than that, it's delightful.

Interior:

1 For the inside the only significant change I made was cutting four rows off the top floor to make it more of a loft and painting the floors white. Everything else is exactly how the kit came.

2 The same green from the exterior is lightened quite a bit for the wall color, then darkened for the door. The same white from outside is on the floor and trim, plus my little board wall on the right side.

3 Upstairs I papered the side walls in my favorite green cottage floral wallpaper and used the same 1/4" stick trim from the outside corners to trim the door.

4 I didn't trim the windows because it felt too overpowering on such a small house. Instead I filled in the inside of the window frames with sticks, then wood filler and painted them, so they're more like a cased/wrapped window.

It's a great little kit for a really good price point if you would like to tackle a smaller project. It's a quick-build weekend project, too, which is my favorite kind. ◆



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