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November 2024

-- Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes

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Our theme for November is Fairy Tales. Fairy Tales bring to mind our own childhoods or that of our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other children, or even just our own second childhood. After all, we "still play with dolls" so we are all having an ongoing childhood! Our challenge for the month was to show how you featured fairy tales in miniature.

This month's challenge sample comes
from Debbie Colombo:

Many years ago, I saw this Mother Goose
doll by Julie Campbell on eBay ... way
before I even knew who she was.

Something about her 'spoke' to me,
perhaps since I had just come back from
a trip to Boston and saw Mother Goose's
grave. The bit of space around her gave
me an idea to put some characters from
Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes around
her, so I was on the hunt.

I do not remember who did the Humpty
Dumpty on the left side bottom book,
but Hansel and Gretel in the same
location are by Julie Stevens. I also do not
know who did the three bears nor the big
bad wolf and the three 3 pigs, I got them
at a miniature estate sale. Little Bo Peep
is an Ethel Hicks doll and my favorite is
Puss in Boots by Cat Wingler. I am always
on the hunt though the pieces must be
small. Perhaps I can find a bit more room
for another?



Here are the beautiful submissions.

From Pat Hamilton:

Last year Susie Newell, Michelle Miller and Mary Johnson (Yakima, WA) along with me took on a challenge to make a Fairytale castle. We did a little 'swap' along with it. Susie taught me how to use card stock, cut with craft scissors that made different-shaped cuts, and then use them as 'shingles'. She told me to do some white 'dry brushing' on them to give them some definition. It really made the shingles stand out. And they're so whimsical. Susie also made the basic

castle for each of us and sent us each the protective case too.





From Mary Johnson:

This is Red Riding Hood with Grandma Wolf, set within the pages of a Little, Little Golden Book! I don't know who made these wonderful dolls but I sure hope someone can tell me!



From Lynne Rustad:

I created this Once Upon a Time Reading Room and Booksellers roombox for our miniature club show the first year I joined CMS. That year's theme was Fairy Tales.



From Kim Fitzsimmons:

I have always loved the tales of King Arthur and his court. This wall cupboard was turned into Merlin's cottage. He has a number of magical items in his cottage -- Aladdin's lamp, genie bottle, Pandora's box, even a baby dragon.



From Natalie Tolchin:

Three dragon friends relaxing, waiting to be assigned to their next fairy tale missions.



From Beverly Fleming:



From Kim Kehoe:

My fairy girl is sitting on the couch with a throw and her cat on her lap. She has a pile of fairy tale books to read to her cat.



From Gabriele Layne:

Snow White: The seven dwarfs are returning home from working at the mine. Two are pushing wheelbarrows full of gold. It all started with the door that I wanted to include it in a way to show it off. Then I found the vintage carved dwarfs and it all came together.



Haensel and Gretel: The evil witch is trying to lure the children into the house with gingerbread. Haensel has picked a lollipop from the bush behind his sister. The walls are covered with hundreds of candies and some gingerbread men, this was the most time consuming part to make.



From Nancy Robins:

My Mom had 6 kids. I made this for her 25 yrs ago. She had it hanging on her wall until she died in 2018. Now it hangs on mine! It depicts "There was an old woman who lived in a Shoe. She had so many children she didn't know what to do". It is filled with many things she loved.



From Jo Roseberry:

This was a Joann Swanson tutorial from Nutshell News. It is large and pictures are difficult, but I made the three houses and the tree from scratch. The wolf is hiding between the houses, off camera.





From Tammy Witthaus:

These pictures are from the Fairy Tales class I took from Suzanne. I made a Cinderella gown with blue birds and other creatures getting it ready for the ball.



From Jackie Browder:

This is a photo of a dollhouse that I made for the Splintered Fairytale Convention a few years ago.



From Marlene Prickett:

Lots of Fairy Tales in books in my little
Neighborhood Library ...



And this little display of Wizard of Oz in the upper hallway of my B&B ...



From Vicki Scidmore:

This is my Princess Shop made for Disney princess dress ornaments and assorted crowns I collected (and a glass slipper).



From Gladys Vasquez:

Fairy tales dolls by Sally Manwell



Old woman in a shoe. The kit is by Susan Andrews.



From Carol J. Shea:

I don't have this one anymore as one of my triplets great grand daughters has it. The dolls are from Pat Hamilton. This was a class from Kathy Abdinoor during Splintered Fairy Tales.





From Cindy Bottasso:

Here's a 1:144 storybook version about the Princess and the Pea.



From Ruth Goodger:

This book box was part of a fairy tale swap ages ago on Quarter Connection. I conveniently had this cute bookbox to put it in.



From Margaret Gordus:

Fairytale Princess -- From the 2022 Online
Houseparty: Splintered Fairy Tales



From Elizabeth Lubera:

I made these over 25 years ago. I got the book displays themselves as part of a kit, which included (for each fairy tale) the book cover illustration and the text & illustration on the open page. However, as I always do, I made extensive additions to the kits. These include my own landscaping touches, featuring trees, shrubs and vines which extend from the scenes to the spines of the books. I then put each display on its own "table," made from the plastic insert from a pizza box and painted to match the spine of the respective book. I then customized each scene to match the events of the fairy tale/legend, as featured on the text visible on the open page.

For the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, I added a bridge made of miniature "stones" over

“water,” painted in impasto strokes of blue with touches of white. There is also a smashed pumpkin, referencing the end of the story. For Little Red Riding Hood, I made a miniature figure of the central character, dressed in red and carrying her basket through the “woods,” represented by a tree that I made with wire and landscaping material. For Hansel and Gretel, I created a cottage decorated with “candies” that I made myself. In 2006, I made extra copies of these displays – with a variety of additional book titles from Little House on the Prairie to Gone with the Wind – to serve as Christmas gifts for my grandchildren and for the members of my Wee Bee miniature club.





From Charlene Trimeloni:

Little Red Riding Hood Diorama with a library of book versions. FYI: there are over 60 versions of this story.

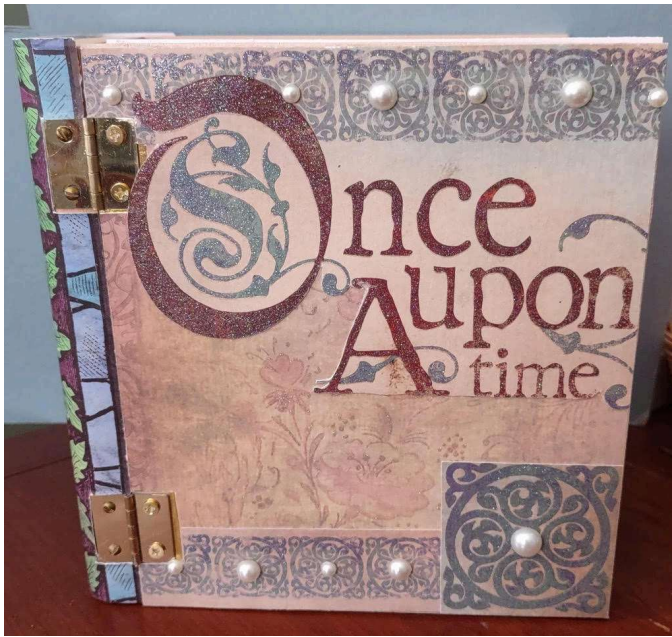


From Christiane Starks:

I am so happy to share my project from the Splintered Fairytales Online Houseparty. I had such fun adding landscaping and details to this little scene. I had wonderful swaps to add, as well!



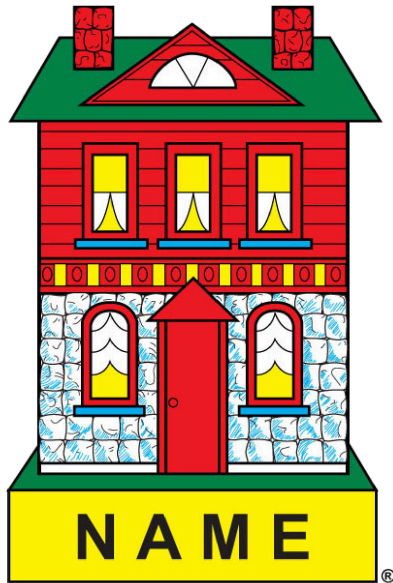
From Ann-Cary McLain:



From Jeff Wilson:

This is my 1/4-inch scale Snow White and the 7 dwarfs scene. The house is a modified Greenleaf Village kit Tudor House. I do not know which artist made the figures. The mine cart is on z gage track and is handmade. The mine products include Montana sapphire and

other gemstones that I mined and faceted.



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From Sarita Speros:

This is one of my favorite miniatures. It was a class taught by Sue "Ladybug" Thwait in the 90's.

Scenes include: Cinderella, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk, Princess and the Pea, Peter Pan, Rumpelstiltskin, Alice in Wonderland, Hansel and Gretel, and Little Red Riding Hood.





From Kathy Koons:

Here's my project from the 2022 Splintered Fairytales event. I have always loved *Once Upon a Mattress*, a modern version of *The Princess and the Pea*, and I was once a faculty co-advisor on a student production. So, I made mine in homage to that play. If you haven't seen the version starring Carol Burnett, look for it on YouTube. It is a riot!