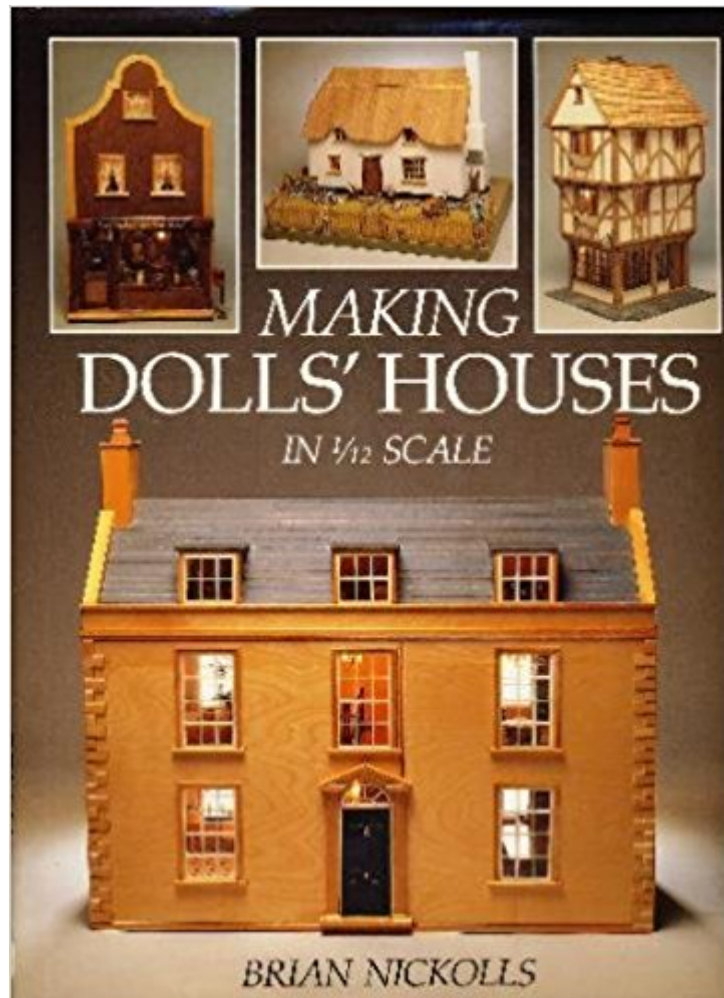




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Making Dolls' Houses In 1/12 Scale



Synopsis

Intended for anyone with ordinary woodworking skills, this book offers complete plans and instructions for making five dolls' houses. A simple three-roomed Victorian shop, suitable for beginners, is followed by a Georgian house, a thatched cottage and a quayside fisherman's cottage. The final project, a more complex three-storey Tudor house complete with beams and timber framing, is for the more ambitious craftsman. The author makes dolls' houses professionally. He was the British Toymakers Guild's "Toymaker of the Year" in 1987.

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Nickolls provides complete instructions for six projects of increasing complexity: a workshop, Victorian shop, Georgian house, thatched cottage, fisherman's cottage, and Tudor house. He emphasizes construction, describing tools and materials in detail, listing sources, but only mentioning furnishings and decoration. Some 132 diagrams supplement the text. The photographs are excellent, showing sparsely furnished rooms in contrast to the cluttered Victorian look usually seen in recent American books. Nickolls's advice is sound, e.g., he recommends a trial fit before beginning assembly. Though the terms used are British, measurements are in feet and inches. A good book to recommend to the hobbyist wanting a slightly different project. --Patricia B. Brown, Navistar Corp. Lib., Melrose Park, Ill. Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I love this book! My grandma has a different edition of it somewhere, but the hardcover is great to

have. The dresses are detailed and lovely and suits everywhere from servants to royalty and from the late 1700s to the early 1900s. There's also instructions for different ways of making your own dolls from kits, sculpting them entirely, or making them in cloth. The little scenes to display the outfits are very cute.

This book is packed full of info. While I initially was only interested in female clothes from a certain time period, this book includes men, servants and children. It has valuable info on "how to" that even an experienced seamstress will find helpful when dressing 1/12 dolls. While the book bypasses "dressing and undressing" type clothes - and uses "glue on" clothes, one is able to modify the patterns and techniques with just a little thought and effort. The pictures are to die for. My daughter and I love to flip through it.

Perfect book for making dollhouse dolls clothing from any time period easy-to-use patterns explained every step of the way and even tells you the best fabric and trims to use I highly recommend this book if you want to dress dollhouse dolls with no problem what so ever

Making tiny doll house dolls isn't easy.... 1/12 scale is difficult at best. This book has outstanding instructions and patterns, how to make doll house dolls is a special talent set beginning with being very very careful about scale fabrics and fit of garments. You will thoroughly enjoy your results by focusing on the scale everything, from hair to length of arms and paying attention to lightness of fabric..... Do NOT use synthetic Fabric,,,,, cotton, silk etc.... lovely book!

I would highly recommend this book to any doll maker it is 1/12 scale but any of the many patterns could be enlarged it is a great book full of information

Of 192 pages, less than 14 address making dolls. Of those 14 pages, 90% is devoted to putting together commercially available kits made by, guess who, Sue Atkinson. Granted, the diagrams and patterns can be used to create many beautiful and historically authentic outfits for 1/12 scale dolls, many of which are displayed in striking photographs. But, if you actually want to create your own dollhouse dolls check out "1/12 Scale Character Figures for the Doll House" by James Carrington or "Making Miniature Dolls with Polymer Clay; how to create and dress period dolls in 1/12", by Sue Heaser. Carrington's creations are uniquely sophisticated, (some might be considered almost racy), while Heaser's are more typically "cute". "Creating Lifelike Figures in Polymer Clay: Tools and

Techniques for Sculpting Realistic Figures" by Katherine Dewey also does a good job of demonstrating construction of 1/12 scale dolls by devoting a chapter to converting instructions for her larger figures to the smaller scale. Atkinson probably does give the most explicit instructions for costuming these small dolls, but look elsewhere to learn how to make them.

If you are interested in creating or dressing Miniature Doll House size dolls, this is the book for you!! It is being used in a class we are taking now and is just great. There are pages and pages of patterns within the book and these come with instructions on how to create them. Buy this one and you'll have the best dressed Miniature ladies, gents and little ones ever.

This is a great book with tips, hints, patterns, easy-to-follow instructions, and lots of great photographs. Anyone from beginner to advanced can learn from and use this book.

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