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An Oasis for Miniaturists



Featured Artisan Corwin

I have numerous pets and I love to make minis especially building! I started when I was 12; I always found small thing interesting. Well, one day I bought my first, house after making numerous ones that well, didn't turn out....

My first house I bought for a dollar was a Lundby. I guess my basing habits started then. The house was in rather rough shape; I added a new roof, moved the kitchen and bedroom around. Now that I look at it is a fairly small bash. Compared to my current monster but we'll get to that.

My next house, I attempted a scratch built it turned out ok, for a first attempt. No idea of scale though. The ceiling heights stair steepness etc was all off. After that was another slightly better one still off but built from plans this time. After my attempt at scratch building came various roomboxes. I guess practice is what it's all about -- I look back then and laugh.

Following those, I bought a rather nice 5 room house scratch built, with nicer doors and windows. I bought this one at a flea market and there were no stairs in it. That has always driven me crazy. I need to see some way for the house to connect. This house became my modern house. I had built in cabinets and hardwood floors. I redid the roof from asphalt shingles, to foam ones. I regret it but it's a learning experience. Half of them were missing so it looked better, but I should have tried to replace them.

After that came my seaside cottage with a porch. Complete with siding, doors, windows. hardwood floors, tile in the kitchen/bath, this one I bought from my local miniature shop which is now closed. Such a shame.

At this time I only had a few houses, and I wanted some thing different so I bought my first kit, and well, I was hooked. It was an Aster, by Greenleaf which I made into a witches cottage. It had a coffin-shaped outhouse since no facilities inside. Also a potting shed, a bone ladder, stone chimney and I half finished the bone fence and the vegetable garden, when I had to pack it up. I haven't seen it since, but I do miss that house. You may ask why I packed up that house -- well, I decided I wanted a mansion, and since the cottage was 90 percent done, I thought I could get back to it.

The mansion I decided to get was a Garfield by Greenleaf. A couple nice people suggested a basement so I built one. I thought the kid's room needed to be bigger so I added a wing. This made the basement too small so I added onto to that one. There is an electrical cubby and will eventually house the grounds keepers cottage/stables. The Garfield has a mind of its own; it wanted another wing on the other side, but I didn't have any space, so I built up! Now in its current state, still unfinished it has around 22 rooms. A couple extra balconies have and eventually will have a conservatory. The landscaping is to include a working pond with a small tunnel to the fairy cave in the far corner in the basement.

With minis being such an important part of my life, I think the main thing is to always have fun! And never forget that we are always improving, with practice!

