

MECA Miniature Enthusiasts, Craftsmen & Artisans

An Oasis for Miniaturists



Featured Artisan

Margaret (Mags) Cassidy
Mags-nificent Miniatures

I started collecting miniatures when my second grandchild (first granddaughter) was born. I thought it would be lovely to buy a dolls house and decorate/fill it for her. I thought it would take years but it was finished in 6 months!

I went on to make a whole Street of Shops and a Beach Promenade (most of which have been sold or given away, now)

The very first items I purchased were pieces of food (long since gone into the bin!). Food has come along way in the last 10 years!

I very quickly became totally obsessed with everything miniature and started a Dolls house club in the town where I lived. We had no funds so a couple of us started practicing with 'Fimo' clay to see if we could then show the other members how to make things at the monthly meetings. I also started making paper flowers which I enjoy.

The desire to keep making got worse and before I knew it Mags-nificent Miniatures was born and I started exhibiting at fairs. I have been exhibiting now for over 10 years. I took early retirement from my 'proper' job 5 years ago and now make minis full time.

When I first started the obsession, my family thought I was crazy but eventually they decided that there was some talent there and became very supportive!

My husband attends fairs with me and he does all the heavy jobs and I do the pretty bits - In short, I arrange the minis after he has wheeled it all in on the barrow and put up the shelves, lights etc.

I have never enjoyed making pretty and pristine items, much preferring 'real life' often messy and Medieval. Occasionally I take myself out of my comfort zone and make something pretty and quite surprise myself! I love to make Meat, Bread and the staple foods and to include maggots, rats and mice in my mini creations!

