

Prie-dieu

If you have a large Victorian dolls' house you might wish to have a family chapel in one of the smaller rooms, or divide off a section of one of the larger rooms to create one. Make use of stained glass windows and pew seating and install the family Bible.

Materials

Mountboard

Shades of brown acrylic paint

Satin varnish

PVA glue

Black felt

Short length of embroidered ribbon

Fray Check

- 1 Cut out two outer sides and two inner sides from mountboard. Stack the pieces on top of each other to make sure that they are identical before cutting the inner sides to shape.
- 2 Glue the inner sides to the outer ones making sure that you end up with a matched pair, not two identical sides. Hold until the glue begins to take.
- 3 Cut out the shelf and back support. Glue the shelf into position and hold until the glue begins to take. Then glue the back support into position.
- 4 Cut and glue the top book rest into position, adding a book support cut from a narrow strip of mountboard to the front edge.
- 5 Glue the kneeler into position. Paint the assembly brown and when dry, apply a coat of varnish.
- 6 Cut two pieces of black felt to match the kneeler. Glue these together, then glue in position on the kneeler.
- 7 Cut a length of embroidered ribbon to length, aligning any design so that it is central to the prie-dieu. Or embroider a short length for the kneeler to add your own personal touch.
- 8 Fray Check the ends of the ribbon. Glue on top of the black felt, pushing firmly along the front and back length. (The prie-dieu is pictured on page 35.)

