



National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts

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Did you come home from the Seattle NAME convention with really cute tote bag favors, swaps, table exchanges, etc. and you have no idea what to do with them? Or,

do you have collections of Christmas or Halloween minis you don't know what to do with? I found a great way to display these treasures.

Note: Read all directions before you begin.



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You may already have plastic storage boxes from past purchases in your stash or a round jar used upside down. The Container Store has a variety of sizes and shapes of containers with covers. If you've got a local store - great - or visit www.containerstore.com [3]. The larger container (that I used) is $3\frac{7}{16}$ x $3\frac{7}{16}$ and $4\frac{1}{4}$ tall. It cost \$2.79. The smaller container is $2\frac{5}{16}$ x $2\frac{5}{16}$ and 3 tall. It cost \$1.49. You can use them vertically or horizontally - your choice, whatever works best for your display.

tuck and glue some small blossoms in.

Note: As you can see in the 6th photo, the bottoms and tops are different. In the garden box, the top is the taller piece. In the Christmas box, the top is the smaller piece. It's up to you but I feel using the small piece for the top is sturdier and stays together better.



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Bottom of the Box (smaller section)

To display inside the box. Cut a piece of lightweight cardboard and green grass cloth (or any kind and color paper) to fit in the bottom. Glue the cardboard and green grass cloth together. I did not glue the cardboard/grass cloth to the bottom of the box. Test fit to make sure the box will close. Trim as needed. I used a three shelf unit, to help display more minis and prop up others. You could also use a chair or a box, like I did in the Christmas box. I made a box out of cardboard and wrapped it in burlap type cloth. Like the top, put together a pleasing layout. Be sure the cover will fit. I used a hot glue gun here too.



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Did you notice the green bird feeder I hung from the top (inside, front left) of the box? To create more interest, try to display minis at the back and sides of the box. I attached a hose to the side of the shelf. Did you notice any of your Seattle minis?