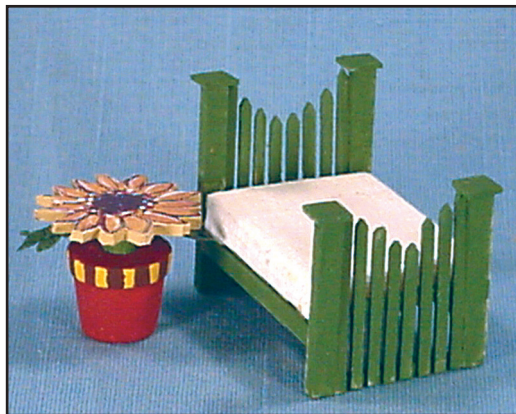


"Sunflower Sue"

Picket Fence Bed and Sunflower Bed Side Table

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Sunflower Sue was originally created in one inch scale in a series of classes. When we decided to "shrink" the project to quarter scale, we also had to "shrink" the furniture.

Here are a few of the pieces for those of you who did the Sunflower Sue House project in the previous issues. If you didn't do the house project, don't despair, this can be used in any project. Have fun!

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Sunflower Sue Picket Fence Bed Pieces

- Headboard posts
2 pcs. 3/32" x 1/8" x 1-1/4"
- Foot board posts
2 pcs. 3/32" x 1/8" x 1-1/16"
- Headboard pickets
8 pcs. 1/32" x 1/16" x 1-1/4"
- Foot board pickets
8 pcs. 1/32" x 1/16" x 1-1/16"
- Support pieces
4 pcs. 1/32" x 1/16" x 13/16"
- Bed Frame support
2 pcs. 3/32" x 1/8" x 1-3/8"
- 4 small wood squares for
bed post tops 1/32" x 3/16" x
3/16"
- 1 rectangle piece of 1/4" thick foam
core for mattress - 1" wide by 1" long
- 1 pc. White fabric

Items needed for this kit

- Wood glue, Small sharp scissors,
Tweezers, Ruler, Tacky glue

Paints used for this kit

- Accent Olive Green paint

Sunflower Sue's Sunflower Bed Side Table

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Sunflower Sue's Picket Fence Bed

1. **Pickets:** With the scissors, cut the top of all the pickets into a point. Then re-cut the bottom (straight end) of the pickets to make the pickets the following lengths:

Headboard: Leave 2 pickets at 1-1/4", cut 2 pickets to 1-1/8", cut 2 pickets to 1-1/16", cut 2 pickets to 1".

Footboard: Leave 2 pickets to 1-1/16", cut 2 pickets to 15/16", cut 2 pickets to 13/16", cut 2 pickets to 3/4".

2. **Headboard assembly:** Take the two headboard posts and set them vertically on your work table about an inch apart (a glue jig would be helpful at this point). Take one of the support pieces and glue it horizontally at the bottom and between the headboard pieces. This assembly should form a "U" shape. The next support piece will be glued 1/4" up from the bottom and parallel to the first support piece. Let the glue dry.

Next glue the pickets. Glue the longest pickets (1-1/4") to the side of the headboard post. These pickets should be glued at a 90 degree angle to the posts. (This adds additional support to the head board.). Glue the other long picket to the other headboard post. Make sure the pickets are even on the bottom. Then glue the remaining headboard pickets evenly between the headboard supports with the tallest picket on the outside edges descending to the smallest pickets in the middle of the headboard.

3. **Footboard assembly:** Glue the support pieces in-between the Foot board pieces in the same manner as described in step 2 above. Then glue the pickets in-between the footboard pieces starting with the longest pieces (1-1/16") to the side of the footboard post, descending to the smallest pieces in the middle of the foot board.
4. **Bed Frame:** On the Bed Frame support pieces, measure 1/4" from

the bottom of the piece. Then, glue the Bed Frame support pieces in-between the head and foot board on either side at this mark.

5. **Bed post tops:** Glue the small square pieces on to the top of each bed post. Let dry.
6. **Mattress:** Carefully fit the mattress to the bed. If need be, cut the mattress to fit. Then bevel around the top edge of the mattress to provide a more rounded look to the mattress. Cut the white fabric to fit the mattress. Then wrap the fabric around the mattress and glue. Treat ends as you would wrap a present.
7. **Paint:** Paint the bed with Accent Olive Green.

Bed Side Table

Sunflower Sue's Sunflower Bed Side Table

Items required:

- 1 small wood pot (9/16" available at Michael's)
- Piece of a 1/4" dowel
- Piece of cardboard (like the back of a tablet)

Items needed to complete this kit:

- Tacky glue
- Paint brushes
- Xacto knife
- Clear acrylic sealer

Paints needed: Delta Ceramcoat Terra Cotta, Straw, Burnt Umber, Clear Acrylic Satin Sealer, and Accent Olive Green

1. **Sunflower table:** Glue the sunflower design on to the piece of the cardboard (Cutout on page 31). When it is dry, then carefully cut out the sunflower with your xacto knife. (Note: please do not leave excess white paper showing around the edge of the sunflower). Paint the edges and underneath the sunflower with straw paint.
2. **Pots:** Paint the wood pots with terra cotta paint. If you want to paint accents on the pot edge, now would be the time! (See picture. The sample was painted with alternating lines of burnt umber and straw paint around the pot edge). When the paint is dry, seal the paint with a satin clear acrylic sealer.

3. (This is an optional step. The pot we purchased at Michael's had a hole in the middle.) Stem: Paint the 1/4" dowel with Olive Green Paint. Glue the dowel into the hole in the pot. Then glue the Sunflower top on to the top of the dowel. If desired, cut two leaves out of green twisted paper and glue these leaves on either side of the stem.

If you chose to not do this step then just glue the Sunflower table top directly to the top of the pot.

Now, Sunflower Sue is ready for a nap!

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Instructions for the Sunflower Sue House were in the January/February issue.