



Dear Members,

Another month of lock down has passed us by and signs that spring is on its way. Crocuses and daffodils are now in flower and the garden is showing signs of life. I have been looking at the miniature flower collection that I have made over the years and I am thinking of making some more for a change.

Spring is a time of year for cleaning and sorting out and so I am awaiting a storage unit to be delivered and some really useful boxes. I will then have a big sort out of all the piles of craft things that have accumulated over the past year and tidy up and make room for more goodies.

The pub is coming along well. I have spent most of my time this month painting the roof tiles and making the new roof. Paul has helped with the wiring of the lights and electrics. We have made our own down lighters for the kitchen and bathroom.

I am now working on the front of the pub and have found some strap hinges and a door knocker on Google images and Paul has made the hinges on the 3 D printer, I am really pleased with the result and I have made a door knocker with a jump ring and ornate jewellery finding which I shall paint black to match the hinges.

Ann has been busy making bags and small items, all lovely things, she has sent some pictures.



Cellar trap door for the Lockdown Inn with 3D printed hinges and padlocks.

Club Matters

Since we have been locked in the house I have found lots of tutorials online to give me inspiration. Here are a couple of sites that I found interesting:

<http://www.mysmallobsession.com/miniature-binder-tutorial.html> is a tutorial for making a mini ring binder.

There are lots of tutorials on the DHMS site that may be useful for using fimo such as pancakes with blueberries, miniature Easter eggs, a pot of jam and leather suitcases.

<https://www.hobbies-and-crafts.co.uk/how-to-dolls-houses/>

Kandie has sent an email will her Etsy shop for us to have a look at.

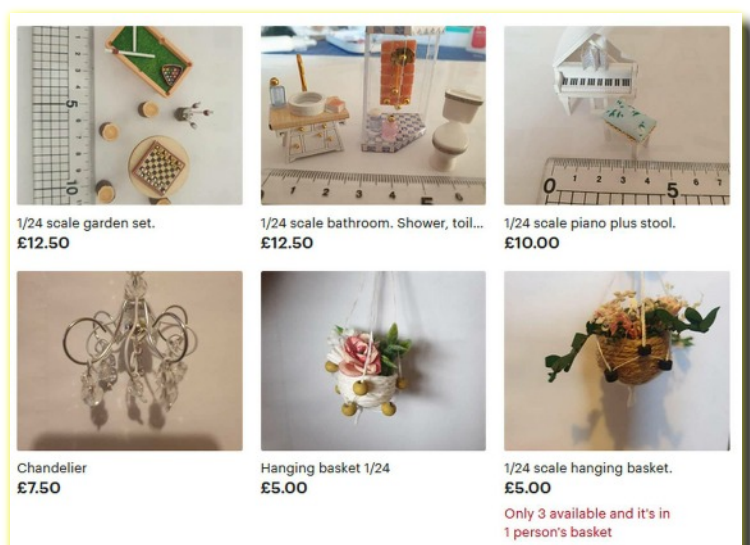
She writes:

"I have been making a lot of furniture to sell on my new Etsy platform. Times are hard at the moment so every little helps as they say. I would be very grateful if you had a look at 'The kandy shop crafts'.

Maybe something I could contribute to class if anyone would like to have a go at anything in my shop. I can easily put kits together. Also I have a great big box of wood, windows, doors, roof panels and wooden legs for chairs/tables. If anyone would be interested I can send pictures. I also have a lot of furniture 1/12 scale. Not looking for a lot, just again...every little helps."

You can see her shop page at Etsy, she has some nice things there. Search for 'Thekandishopcrafts' Its all one word, that should find it. This is the full link:

<https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/Thekandishopcrafts>



A few of the items in Kandie's Etsy shop

Beverley



Hi Bev ,

I have been sewing this week making a craft bag with sewing accessories. I know they are not miniatures but thought that you would like to see them. They are all in black and white to match my lave bags. Going back to minis now.

Take care Ann xxx



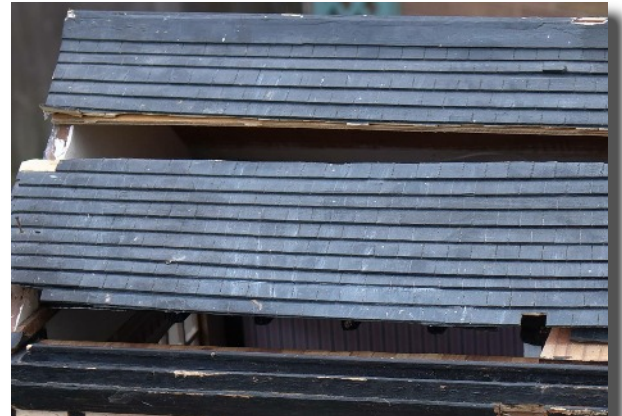
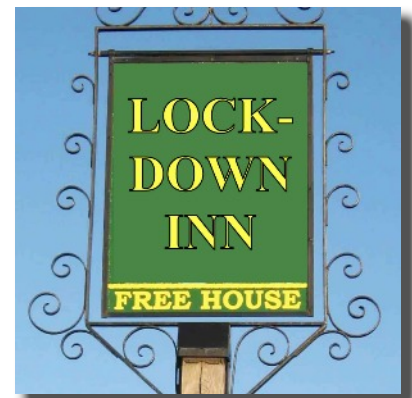


Just finished knitting this soldier

...and knitting Rupert bear to go with the pop up book that I made.

Ann xx





I made the downlighters from 5.5mm poppa eyelets and glass beads and a string of led lights, all fitted nicely together