

Bookends & Books for Child's Room

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Look around the house for tiny beads and cute character pieces to glue to bookends, then add some books made from fabric, wood strips and paper. You'll have a "library" shelf in your dollhouse bedroom in no time!



What You'll Need

- Strip wood for books, 3/4" wide
- Corner moldings for bookends
- Two character pieces
- Fabric, plain or with small print
- Paper
- Beads
- Craft knife or miter saw
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Sandpaper
- Gold or white craft paint for book edges
- Paint of choice for bookends
- Paintbrush
- Tacky glue
- Instant glue (if desired to help Tacky glue set up more quickly. Use with adult supervision.)

Preparing Bookends

1. With adult assistance, use craft knife or miter saw to cut corner molding across (if not already cut), leaving two pieces approximately 3/4" long.
2. Sand evenly and round corners.
3. Paint glue on the character pieces. Attach one on each bookend. Decorate with beads as desired.

Preparing Books

1. Book covers are made from the fabric backed with paper so it won't fray. Spread tacky glue across entire piece of paper. Place paper on fabric. Set aside to dry.
2. Cut across the strip wood to make four or five books, all approximately the same height. Vary the height of one or two books, by trimming off about 1/16".
3. Sand square and then sand the "spine" rounded.

4. Paint the three edges that aren't the spine gold or white.

5. Measure each book to the fabric/paper cover, leaving a fraction over the top and front, but not on the bottom. Cut out paper and cover books, fabric side out. Trim when dry, if they're uneven.

6. Glue each book to the next and to the bookends, after deciding on an arrangement to your liking. ■

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