

Picket Fence Shelf

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Here's a cute shelf to use inside or outside your dollhouse. It was inspired by a full-size version spotted in a magazine. It's about 2 inches wide and 2 inches tall. Make it aged or make it white and new. All it takes in miniature is a few toothpicks, glue and dried flowers. Toothpicks are very cheap, and already made for fun!

What You'll Need:

- Flat toothpicks
- White Tacky Glue
- Acrylic paints - Gray, White
- Tiny dried flowers, baby's breath
- Tiny plastic green leaves
- Paintbrush
- Curly grapevines



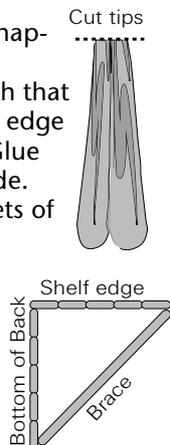
1. Line up toothpicks two by two. Glue sides together to make 12 sets. Glue sets together as shown.

2. Make braces by snapping off ends of two toothpicks to a length that fits between bottom edge of back and ledge. Glue toothpicks side to side. Let dry. Make two sets of braces.

3. Glue one brace on each end, between outer shelf edge and bottom of back.

4. When dry, paint all parts gray. Let dry.

5. Glue tallest leaf to right corner. Glue greenery to shelf top. Add flowers and vines.



To make the white fence shelf, use four sets of toothpicks for the back. Glue top brace behind vertical sets. Glue the ledge at the bottom of the back pieces. Glue the braces from the outside of the back down to the outside of the ledge. Paint white. Add greenery, flowers and vine.

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