

Wagon with Blocks

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Just in time for Christmas gift-making: a wagon with blocks to set beneath the tree. This project was one submitted for a kids' exchange sponsored by the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts' magazine. Here's how to make it yourself.

What You'll Need:

- Wood pieces
- Wax paper
- Wood glue
- Tacky Glue
- Minwax Wood Finish Stain Marker
- 12 alpha beads
- 4 small pony beads
- 1 seed bead
- 2½" string

You can use bass wood, skinny craft sticks or any other scrap pieces of wood.

If you use another thickness of wood, just adjust your measurements accordingly.



1. Cut wood in pieces:

- 1 piece 1/16" x 1" x 1/8"
- 2 pieces 1/16" x 1/4" x 1/8"
- 2 pieces 1/16" x 1/4" x 7/8"

2. Lay 1/16" x 1" x 1/8" piece of wood (wagon bed) on a piece of wax paper. Use wood glue and glue 1/16" x 1/4" x 1/8" pieces of wood to base to make the sides of wagon.



3. Using wood glue, glue the end pieces 1/16" x 1/4" x 7/8" to the ends of the wagon. Let dry.



4. Stain your wagon bed using a Minwax Stain Marker. This step could be completed before gluing your wagon together.

5. Turn wagon bed on its side. Using Tacky Glue, glue two black pony beads (size and color can be your choice) to the side of wagon bed for wheels. Let dry. Turn to the other side and glue on two more pony beads. Let dry.



6. Put a knot in one end of string. Glue a seed bead at one end using Tacky Glue.



7. Glue string to bottom of your wagon.



8. Fill wagon with alpha beads. Use Tacky Glue to hold beads in place.

Your project is now complete and will look nice in a child's bedroom, toy shop, or any place you would like to display it. ■

Allison Young was 12 years old when she submitted a completed wagon with blocks to the Miniature Gazette. She is now 13. Allison lives in Marysville, Ohio, where she and her grandmother, Kathy Deardurff, sometimes make miniatures together.

