

COLLECTORS NO. 40080



Bookstand and
Pedestal Desk
Circa 1750

These two pieces of furniture had many uses. The bookstand may have held the family Bible, a student's school books, or perhaps sheet music for an evening of classical entertainment.

The desk possibly started out as a writing box that was placed upon a table or used on a person's lap. The pedestal was then added later. Many versions of pedestal desks were used during the latter half of the 18th Century. Tall ones were made for counting houses and classrooms, and shorter ones for the home to keep family records, or for the student.

Desks, as we know them today, have gone through a gradual evolution, starting from the writing box which was designed to be placed upon any flat surface. Later pedestals were added. When more room was needed, the size of the box was increased and a frame was built to hold it, giving us the desk-on-frame. Still later, drawers were added below the box, and it became the familiar slant-front desk.

It is appropriate to use these two pieces in the bedroom as if they were moved there after being replaced downstairs by a later style of desk.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING INSTRUCTIONS



AUTHENTIC REPRODUCTIONS IN MINIATURE

The X-ACTO® HOUSE OF MINIATURES COLLECTORS SERIES of furniture and accessories have all been carefully researched by specialists through major museum and library collections to assure the highest quality of authenticity in reproduction. Details are extraordinarily accurate to satisfy the most discriminating miniaturist.

All wood parts are machined to assure accurate and precise acceptance of each piece by another.

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THE HOUSE OF MINIATURES
Customer Service - Catalog Dept.
80 Newbridge Road
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

milling machines. When adjustments are required, sand to fit.

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

A. The following tools will be helpful in constructing this kit:

1. X-ACTO Professional Finishing Kit (or equivalent, see note)
2. Small Plastic Clamps, X-ACTO No. 7003
3. 2" Sander, X-ACTO No. 7042

B. The following materials will be needed to construct this kit:

1. X-ACTO Tinted Glue (see note)
2. Sandpaper - 220 and 280 grit
3. Small Artist's Brush

NOTE: The X-ACTO tinted glue is matched to the finish used in the Professional Finishing Kit. This will produce the authentic finish of the period in which the original Furniture was produced. When not using X-ACTO glue follow manufacturer's directions.

GLUING

A. Glue should be applied in small amounts to surface being joined. When gluing dado joints **apply glue to dado only**.

B. To ensure a tight fit, squeeze excess glue out of the joints. Hold glued parts together with clamps, rubber bands or weights on the parts.

C. **Wipe off excess glue promptly.**

D. Be sure a glued assembly has dried thoroughly before adding parts.

FINISHING

The X-ACTO Professional Finishing Kit enables you to finish your furniture by the same process used by the professional furniture maker. The end result is what is important — there are easier methods, but none that will give the quality results that this process will. If you use a finish other than X-ACTO's, refer to the manufacturer's directions.

INTRODUCTION

BEFORE STARTING

Identify and account for each part by placing it on the Layout Sheet (make sure the correct layout sheet is used when working on multi-kit Instruction Sheets). Should any parts be missing, send a post card to:

THE HOUSE OF MINIATURES
Customer Service - Parts Dept.
2000 Craftmark Center
Statesville, NC 28677-2000

Please print Name, Address, Part Number (Number from Layout Sheet) and Kit Name and Number on card when ordering.

SANDING

Before assembly, sand all the outer surfaces of individual parts with 220 grit sandpaper, or finer, sanded in the same direction as the wood grain until the surface is smooth. Take care not to round any edges or corners of the pieces. Finish sanding with 280 grit sandpaper.

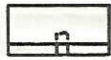
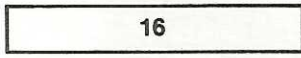
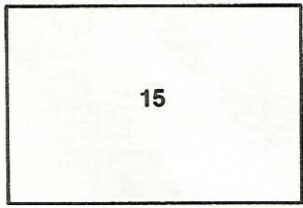
PRE-ASSEMBLY

A. After sanding, check the proper location and fit of each part by assembling parts loosely, without gluing. Use the **DETAIL VIEWS** as a guide.

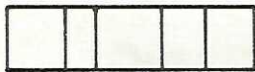
B. All parts for X-ACTO kits are made on precision

Layout Sheet

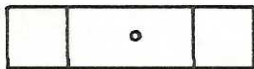
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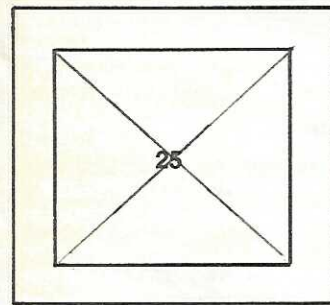
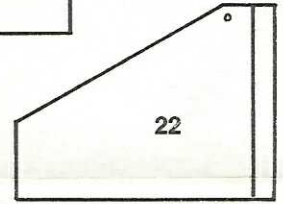
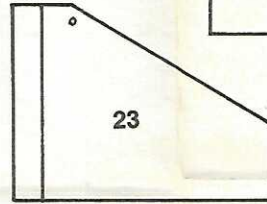
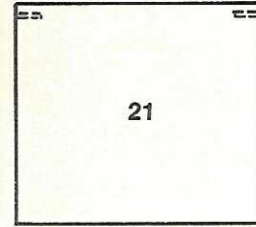
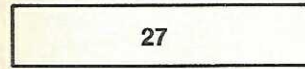
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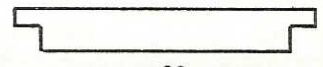
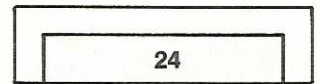
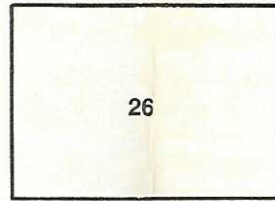
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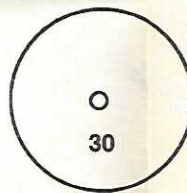
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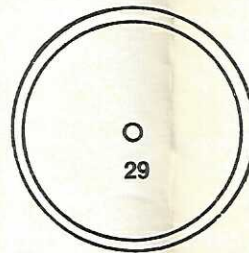
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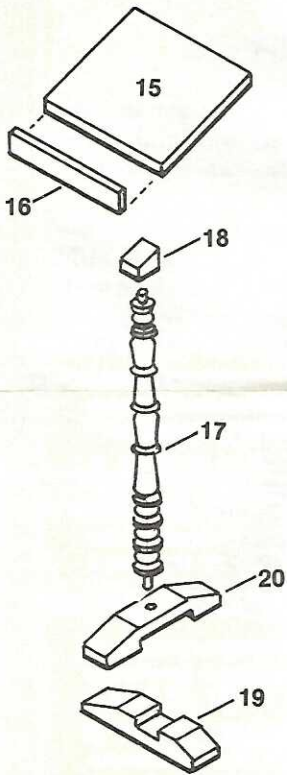
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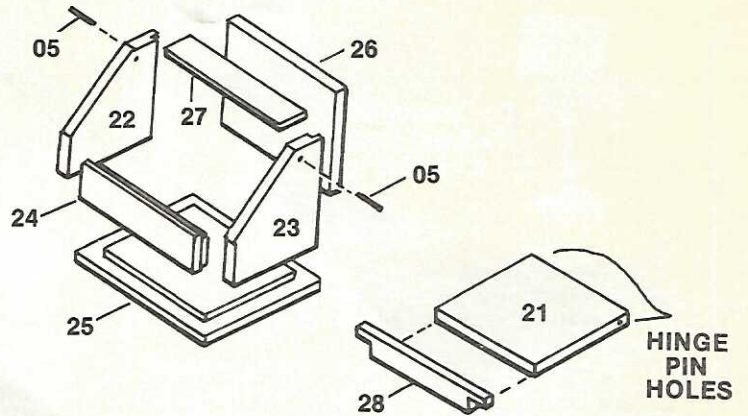
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Detail Views



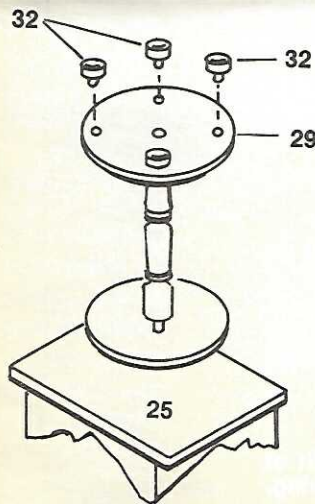
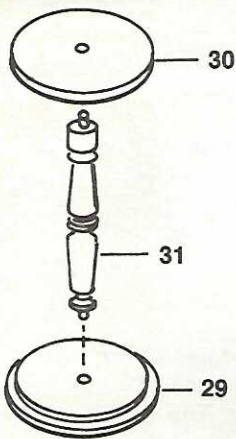
Step 1:

- A. Glue the stop (16) to the shelf (15) so that it is flush at the bottom and projects above the shelf about 1/16".
- B. Glue the shelf block (18) to the bottom of the shelf (15) so that it is centered and the smallest edge is facing towards the front edge of the shelf.
- C. Glue the upper foot (20) into the dado of the lower foot (19) so that it is centered.
- D. Glue the pedestal (17) into the hole in the shelf block. The end of the pedestal with the four rings and three balls is the lower end. The feet should be aligned front-to-back and left-to-right.
- E. Apply the stain and final finish to the bookstand.



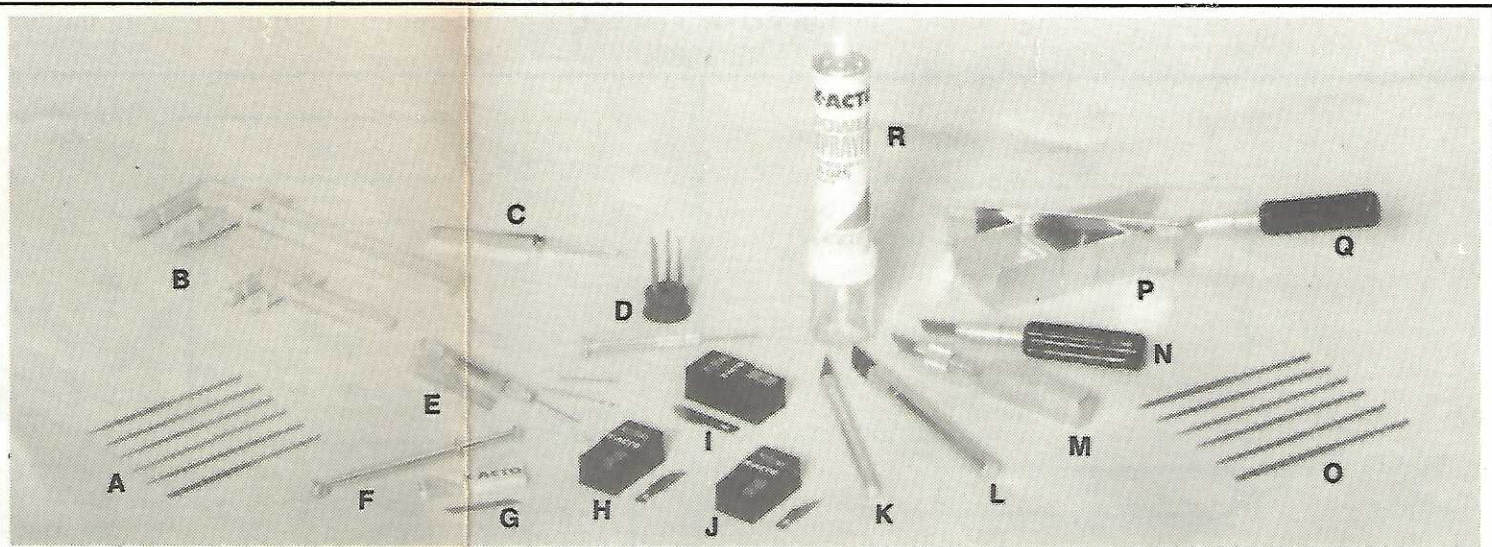
Step 2:

- A. Assemble the desk by gluing the back (26) into the rabbets of the sides (22 & 23) so that the bottoms are flush. Glue this assembly onto the base (25) against the raised edge.
- B. Glue the front (24) to the base and the sides so that the rabbet on its long edge faces up. Glue the top (27) on so that its rear edge is flush with the back.
- C. Sand the assembly.
- D. Check the fit of the lid in the desk assembly. Sand the edges only if needed. Glue the stop (28) to the front edge of the lid (21). This is the edge that is opposite the hinge pin holes. Check the fit of the lid by partially installing the hinge pins. The lower front edge may need to be rounded slightly to clear the front. Remove the hinge pins and lid for finishing.



Step 3:

- A. Glue the pedestal (31) into the desk support (30). The end of the turning that has the straight section is the upper end. Then glue the other end of the pedestal into the base (29).
- B. Place the desk support onto the bottom of the desk and center it. Mark its location lightly with a pencil, apply glue and glue it into place so that the holes for the feet are lined up front-to-back and left-to-right. Glue the four feet (32) into the holes in the base. Check that the desk sets level.
- C. Apply the stain and final finish.



A. MINIATURE FILE SET

6 miniature needle files. 3 1/8" long. For intricate filing. Vinyl storage pouch. No. 7365

B. PLASTIC CLAMPS

Light duty plastic clamps for delicate work. Notched jaw allows grip of round parts. Smooth face prevents damage to workpiece.

Small plastic clamp. 3/4" opening with 1" throat depth. 2 per card: No. 7003

Large plastic clamp. 7/4" opening with 2 1/8" throat depth. 2 per card: No. 7004

C. SELF-CLOSING POINTED TWEEZER

Self-closing serrated points. Nickel-plated steel. 6 1/2." Carded: No. 7337

D. SCREWDRIVER WITH INTERCHANGEABLE BLADES

Aluminum handle and chuck and 5 steel screwdriver blades sizes .040" through .100." Notched shank for greater torque. Storage base. Carded: No. 7070

E. PIN VISE SET

Includes double-ended pin vise, vise bit guard and 3 assorted drill bits. Carded: No. 7144

F. PARTPICKER

For small hard-to-handle pieces. Smooth one-handed action. Carded: No. 7380

G. No. 13 BLADE

Precision saw cutting. 5 blades. Carded: No. 213

H. No. 10 BLADE

For fine general cutting, carving, correcting stencils. Safety dispenser of 10 blades. Carded: No. 410

I. No. 22 BLADE

General shaping, whittling, trimming, removing excess flashing. Safety dispenser of 10 blade. Carded: No. 422

J. No. 11 BLADE

Extremely sharp point for fine angle cutting and stripping. Safety dispenser of 10 blades. Carded: No. 411

K. No. 1 KNIFE

Aluminum handle 4 7/8" long with No. 11 blade. Carded: No. 3201

L. No. 2 KNIFE

Aluminum handle 5" long with No. 22 blade. Carded: No. 3202

M. No. 6 KNIFE

Aluminum handle 4 3/4" long with No. 24 blade. Carded: No. 3206

N. No. 5 KNIFE

Plastic handle with metal blade lock, 4 1/4" long with No. 19 blade. Carded: No. 3205

O. MINIATURE NEEDLE RASPS

6 assorted rasps. For rough shaping of wood or plastic. 4 3/4" long. Vinyl storage pouch. No. 7366

P. MITRE BOX

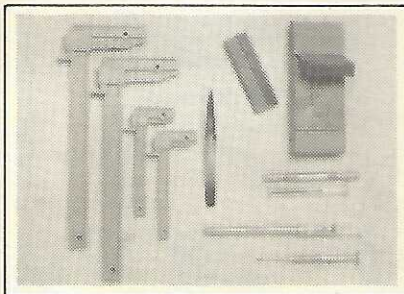
Aluminum 3/4" x 1 3/4" capacity. 6" long. With two 45° and one 90° cutting slots. Carded: No. 7533

Q. EXTRA-FINE RAZOR SAW

1 1/4" deep with cutting edge 5 1/2" long and 54 teeth per inch for extra fine precision. For use with No. 7533 mitre box. Carded: No. 7535

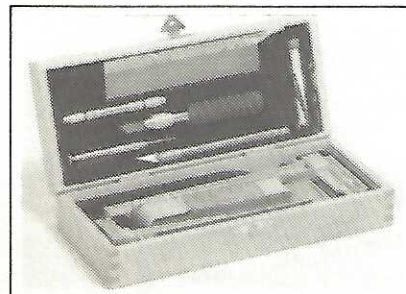
R. POWER SPRAYER

Push-button action sprays evenly. Includes a one ounce jar and propellant to spray on intricate or flat surfaces up to 16 ounces of liquid materials. Carded: No. 43561



MINIATURIST'S TOOL SET

Basic tools for assembling miniatures, models and working with small parts. 4 clamps, tweezer, pin vise with 3 bits, 2 sanders, screwdriver and No. 1 Knife in fitted tray. No. 43910



DELUXE MINIATURIST'S TOOL CHEST

Fitted wooden chest contains precision tools for assembling miniatures, models and working with small parts: razor saw blade, mitre box, 4 clamps, pin vise and 3 bits, Nos. 1 and 5 Knives, sanders and screwdriver. Boxed: No. 43911