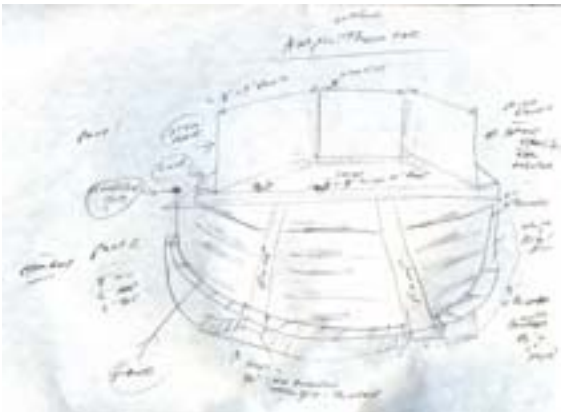


Process - observatory

PART TWO – I don’t consider myself to be a good artist. That said, I often make quick sketches for Crafty Time ideas. I start by looking at a lot of pictures of things I might make, blank my mind then draw quick ideas and notes.



Process - amphitheater

This is an idea for an amphitheater, probably a future Crafty Time in one or two parts. I picture a stage with a “shell” that’s also three screens, and outdoor bleachers with aisles and steps. I’m kicking it around.



Process - planetarium

About as much as I have on this is that the dome should be larger than the observatory’s, which is 3” across. So, probably a 5” dome and another inch or so of building. Also, it shouldn’t look like a dog bowl.



Materials - planetarium

Oatmeal containers are a favorite of mine, because they have a nice shape and size and are easy to craft. It’s best to plan and gather everything you need before you start a project, so you can keep going.



Imagining a community

Happy Tree Times, the newspaper of my imaginary village, got me thinking. Who are these people? What do they do? So, I wrote up a mock issue. You can pick one up at the Journal office for 25 cents.



Crafty list

I’m always making lists for Crafty Time, because first, I don’t want to repeat buildings. Second, I want to show you new techniques. Also, my point of view from Happy Tree’s perspective gives me ideas.



People

PART THREE - Hot Wheels® scale cars are 1/64 scale, about 3/8” =5’. Bella bought me a pack of 100 unpainted people for the holidays, to match this scale. Thank you!



Clear basing

They don’t stand on their own, so they’ll need to be glued to bases. I tried popsicle sticks but they don’t look right. Firm clear plastic from packaging works great though. They’re small, so groups of 2-4 work.



Color

At this scale, small detail is difficult to achieve. Base coat figures in white, then carefully paint each color with a fine detail brush. Use a darker paint wash to bring out low areas, and dry brush to pick out elevated details.



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Happy Tree citizens

After weeks of completed Crafty Time buildings and projects, these people have plenty of places to go and things to do!