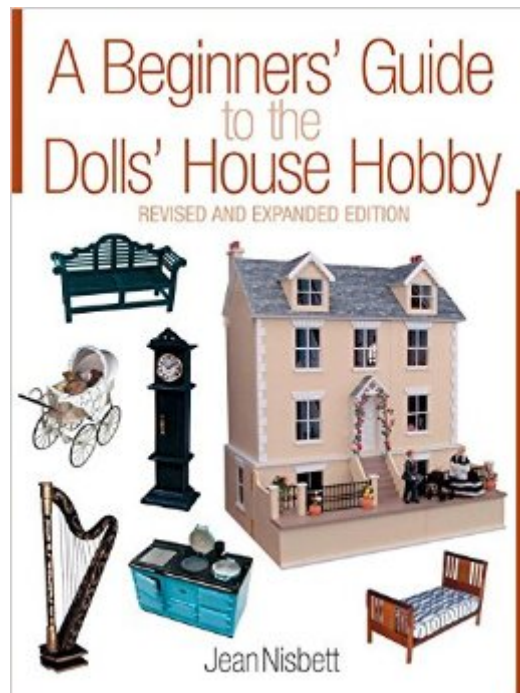


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# A Beginners' Guide To The Dolls' House Hobby: Revised And Expanded Edition



## Synopsis

Jean Nisbett's classic volume gets a welcome update and expansion making it a practical, accessible introduction to all the basics, with lavish images and easy-to-follow hints that help beginners save time and avoid costly mistakes. Nisbett explains how to choose and build a house from a kit; handle a period building; furnish the interior; create charming shops; and plan a doll's house that will enchant a child and actually stand up to play. Equipment and materials, finishes, decoration, decorative detail, gardens and renovation all receive in-depth coverage, while checklists set out a logical order for work.

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## Customer Reviews

I am building a dollhouse for my daughter and this book was invaluable. I wasn't sure about a few things, like painting the house. She told the reader what is best to do at what time. She also gave some great ideas to make cheap furniture, etc. It is definitely worth it to buy this book because it gives you a good overview of this fascinating hobby!

This book is wonderful to look at and very helpful. Especially if you want a period look or a very english look to your dollhouse, which is just what I was looking for. Great value for the money. I find myself looking through it all the time.

I recently got bitten HARD by whatever bug it is that causes people to become obsessed with dollhouses and miniatures. I am interested in reading pretty much anything even remotely related to

dollhouses and the building and furnishing thereof. So I bought this book and it satisfies that desire. I also bought a dollhouse kit to build, and what this book does not really do is give you any detailed information about how to do anything, it's all sort of general. So I recommend this if you just want to read a bit about dollhouses and see some very nice pictures, but do not recommend if you are looking for useful, practical information about how to build a dollhouse which is what I was expecting. I so far have not found a book that does good job with that, so I've just been muddling along and searching the internet when I have specific questions. I do recommend a book called "The Dollhouse Sourcebook" by Caroline Clifton Mogg - but this is for when you are ready to decorate. It is an absolutely GORGEOUS book filled with pictures of drool-worthy dollhouse rooms.

I noticed there are mixed reviews for this book. I love this book. I borrowed it from the library and referred to it so much in just reading it that I finally purchased my own copy from . Though, not a thick book, all the pages are in color, my favorite kind of book. There are tips for about everything you can imagine doing for your dollhouse/diorama with photos and instructions to carry them out into your dollhouse or diorama. The photographs are clear and detailed. The book does a thorough job in planning and practical matters for your dollhouse. I have bookmarks in it now to use for reference, follow up later on. I've read it over a dozen times already and still refer to it while decorating my dollhouse or just to enjoy a good read for further ideas. I admit I'm no expert in the world of dollhouses. Though, I've owned a dollhouse, a mansion since 1986, I really didn't start working on it until this past winter. This is one of the books that I turned to for reference. I don't like to copy other's ideas. I like to create my own works, though I do find other's suggestions and ideas useful for inspiration. Such as with this book, the author remarked how wonderful a hallway is in a dollhouse, though a rarity. I thought so too. I have a large living room in my dollhouse mansion and realized that I could place a hallway, which I did. I wouldn't have given it much thought had I not read about it in this book. I highly recommend this book as part of your book collection for dollhouses and dioramas.

I purchased the original edition of Jean Nisbett's book years ago and absolutely loved it! There are lots of beautiful color photos throughout and useful tables in the book. She provides a handy metric conversion table, a fine description of the different periods of which most dollhouses are designed and decorated, and offers many projects for dollhouse components and accessories. I haven't yet looked through her revised edition, but I'm sure it can only hold more wonderful pieces of information, guidelines and ideas. Inspiring and useful!

This is a great book for anyone who is restoring a dolls' house and would like some history, architectural information and handy patterns for creating small 1:12 scale furniture and items. There are great pieces throughout regarding wallpaper, design elements, equipment needed, walls, framing, fire places, roofing, house finishes and much more. If you're busy restoring a dolls' house or are just interested in the hobby this book is fun to flip through as well as a great reference piece.

While obviously written for someone new to making dollhouses, I have to second what a few of the other reviews said-that this isn't really an instruction or technique book. It's more of a reference or a way to give you some new ideas that take you beyond the doll house kit. Honestly Googling "Dollhouses" will probably yield just as much, if not more info.

As a beginner, beginner to dollhouse building I found this book interesting but a bit advanced in my experience. However, I can see where this book would be a great resource once I get a little more experience in building and decorating dollhouses -especially when I tackle little dollhouse community I plan on accomplishing. It helps define the different decorating periods and will help make your dollhouse as authentic to real-life as you wish.

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