

# *Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys*



## **Program Descriptions**

### **Miniature Rooms (\$10/person)**

#### **Program Description:**

In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will design and create a miniature room. Whether creating a setting from a favorite story or a dream house, students will learn about scale, design, problem solving and construction techniques. This "Green" project is made of everyday objects, provided by the museum, such as plastic canisters, boxes and design supplies that will be recycled into furnishing for the room. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Miniature Landscapes (\$10/person)**

#### **Program Description:**

In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will design and create a miniature landscape or garden, using clay, dried plants and other natural materials. Students will learn about scale, design, problem solving and landscapes. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Fairies and Gnomes (\$6/person for doll only, \$10/person for doll and home)**

#### **Program Description:**

In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will create a fairy or gnome dolls with felt, wooden beads, artificial flowers, sequins and other craft supplies. This whimsical project is fun for girls and boys! Please specify classroom or field trip on your request. This workshop can be expanded to include building homes for the fairies and gnomes that look like fallen logs or toadstools.

### **Japanese Paper People (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will use beautiful Japanese rice paper to create a doll, while learning about holidays celebrated by families in Japan. Museum staff will bring examples of dolls from Japan and other countries for students to examine and compare. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Guatemalan Worry Dolls (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will learn about Guatemalan Worry dolls, while making one to take home. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Finger Puppets (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will make stories come to life while making finger puppets. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Jumping Jack Puppets (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will create their own paper puppet while learning about the art of puppets from around the world. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Optical Toys (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will study and learn how to make their own Thaumatrope, optical illusion toys. Thaumatrope is a spinning toy that was a precursor to animation. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Clothespin Folk Dolls (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students create a traditional doll from a clothespin, cloth and yarn. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Yarn Doll (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students create their own traditional doll, using yarn. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Cornhusk Dolls (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students create their own traditional American doll from cornhusks, while learning about the importance of corn in our history. Once students have created a basic doll, instructor will help students customize dolls with dresses, capes and wings to take a basic doll and transform it into a superhero, princess or other character. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Masks (\$6/person)**

Program Description: Many cultures use masks in dance, theater, ceremonies and children's play. In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students create their own mask. Please specify, on your request, which type of mask your class will be making and whether the visit classroom or field trip.

### **Japanese Fish Kites (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will make a fish kites, while learning about holidays celebrated by families in Japan. Staff can bring and discuss hands-on dolls from Japan. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Pompon Animals (\$6/person)**

Program Description: In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will create tiny animals from pompons in this great tactile project for younger students. This program focuses on following directions, comparing sizes of similar objects and a basic discussion of animals. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.

### **Castles (\$10/person)**

Program Description:

In this workshop, which can be held in the classroom or at the Denver Museum of Miniatures, Dolls and Toys, students will transform boxes, design samples and everyday objects into castles. The project focuses on problem solving, re-imaging uses for everyday objects and storytelling. Please specify classroom or field trip on your request.