

Making Village Parade Floats by Linda Roberts and Cheral Crossland

The OKC Class of '56 Village Collectors Club hosted Cheral Crossland of the OVCC (Oklahoma Village Collectors Club) to present a workshop on making village parade floats on October 15, 2023.

Also, I attended a workshop by Linda Roberts at the Cincinnati Gathering that was also about this topic. Recently, Linda of the Queen City Villagers graciously wrote her instructions and I added parentheses with notes from either Cheral or me (Lisa Remy).

If you do them in a meeting, I would love to see pictures.

1. Cut a 7"x3" block from 1" white craft Styrofoam. (They can be other sizes too depending on your needs. We used 2" Styrofoam.)
2. I use 3/8" slices on the bottom, to raise it up like its on tires. (We didn't do this with ours, but it is a great idea.)
3. Then I decide what the theme of the float will be, using ornaments, figures, cake decor or anything else that catches my eye. (Dollar Tree has lots of great ideas as does Hobby Lobby. Linda also told at her gathering presentation that she collected McDonald's toys for this purpose. She even gave us some!)
4. Then I pick coordinating ribbon or trim and attach around the block using ball headed straight pins. Walmart and JoAnn have different colors of pins. (We placed the ribbon, etc. before placing the items on top of the float. At the OKC Class of '56 meeting, some used scrapbook paper to wrap the blocks and secured with tape, glue, or tacks. Cheral also has used napkins, cloth, and has painted the blocks and then put ribbon.)
5. I finish off using anything else that I think looks good. Trees, glitter, beads, glitter balls, etc. Each one is different, and fun! (That is what we did too and the floats were awesome and lots of fun to make.)
6. Additional note: When I have a large or heavy figure on the float. I hot glue a 7/8" Roofing nail to the bottom of the figure then stab it into the foam.

I (Lisa) have included pictures of example of floats from Linda, Cheral, and the OKC Class of '56 VCC.







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The Merry generation

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