



## Remember when...? – Crafts

### Description

In our family, I have only a younger brother. He is 8 years younger than I am so for 8 years, I learned to keep myself busy without a playmate in the house. Even though I had friends in the neighbourhood, I also learned to be on my own.

### Crafty

I always was the kind of kids with crafts projects. I always loved working with my hands, doing collages, knitting, sewing, and embroidery, even when I was quite young. Everything to do with crafts was interesting me.

### An old encyclopaedia

My mom had an old encyclopedia. Even when I was young, the information seemed outdated. I think it might have been from the 1950's. I remember that this series of 20-some books had various sections, like poetry, science, kids stories, history, geography and crafts! Yes, they had various craft projects that a kid could do.

### Drawing, models, and more

I remember that there were several craft projects to make a miniature village, complete with the plans that needed to be copied onto heavy paper or thin cardboard, cut and folded along the dotted lines. Interestingly, I didn't know about scale so I would just copy the drawings as is and I could not figure out why some pieces were way too big, and why the houses were generally so small!

### Miniature furniture

One other craft that really caught my eye was a set of miniature furniture made mainly from brass wire.

There was a set for the livingroom, complete with the couch, chairs and coffee table. And there was a kitchen set with the table and chairs. There was even a bedroom set complete with a full double size bed with a canopy, a rocking chair and a bassinet for the baby.

I saved my money and went to the hardware store to buy some rolls of brass wire. With patience, I made all those furniture. I bent all the pieces according to the plans, added some pieces of fabric for the sofa, the bed, the canopy and the bassinet. For details, I added cardboard for the tables and chairs. I was really proud of my set. Too bad I never had a picture of it.

Did you have some hobbies when you were young and completed projects that made you super proud of yourself? Share what it is. I think every kid has his strengths and many were crafty when young, only to gradually abandon those hobbies over time. But some will keep it! What about you?

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