

Petworth Miniatures Wandlyn Way

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Hi

Harry Potter and the other wizards in England purchase their supplies in the famous Diagon Alley in London but have you ever wondered where other wizards shop? In North America, the Wandlyn Way takes care of their needs.

Percival Penrose descended from a long line of wizards in England but he wanted to see more of the world. In 1820 he sailed to North America and up the vast St Lawrence River. After living in a log cabin for several months he decided that roughing it in the bush was not for him. He purchased a property in a small courtyard in the market area of the new Bytown and built an inn, The Hole in the Wall, in a Tudor style that reminded him of home. The inn attracted mainly lumberjacks and stonemasons at first but slowly word of his roots spread and those with a magical aptitude started

patronizing the pub. As the wizard population increased in this new land, he realized that they needed the same special items that had been available in England. Being a shrewd entrepreneur he established the Wandlyn Way in a hidden alley behind his Inn. The Way quickly became the meeting place for all wizards and the mundane lumber jacks that frequented his pub never noticed the more colourful patrons who slipped out to the outhouse in the back alley and eventually returned laden with miscellaneous mysterious packages.

A hedge witch from Shropshire opened the first shop in 1825. Geraldine Gardiner delighted in discovering new herbs and fungi in the vast surrounding forests. She had also brought with her seeds and cuttings from many of the plants that had grown in her garden back in England. The shop, obviously called The Hedge Witch, is now run by her great great granddaughter Herbalia and continues to supply a wondrous selection of magikal plants and garden necessities.

As some of you may have seen, the first kit for the Wandlyn Way 'The Hedge Witch', is being offered as a workshop from the Quarter Connection on-line for September. Registration applications for the workshops go directly to QC. They make a small fee from workshops to help defray costs so please order through them if you are a member.

If you do not belong to QC, the kit will also be available directly from me at the same price as the workshop; \$75 US plus shipping.

If you have signed up for the QC workshop, I'll make sure you don't double order the kit by mistake.



The kit includes everything shown in the exterior photos: wrought iron fence, plants, pond, garden bench and cats.

In the interior, printed floors, window and door trim are also included.

The base has a carved cobblestone walk and area for a front garden. The base size is 4" w x 6" deep.

The shop itself is 2 ½" deep and 6.3" high with 2 floors.

Price \$75 US/ \$90 CDN

Shipping is \$17 in Canada and the US and \$24 internationally.

A completer set of interior furnishings is available. It includes furniture for the ground floor: a potting bench, stool, dry sink, wall shelf, hutch, storage bin for graveyard dirt, and laser cut leaves to fill the pots, seedling trays and planter. Furniture for the 2nd floor includes the woodland bed, woodland table, willow chair and a leaf chair for the balcony. The completer set of 10 pieces is \$55. Shipping is included when ordered with the shop.



Please email orders to gayle@petworthminiatures.com

Paypal invoices will go out in September. The kits will ship by the end of October.

The entire street will be available as separate shop kits. The street contains several different architectural styles in keeping with North American building styles as well as a few fond reminders of its Olde England roots. Each shop base is the same depth and the cobbled street in front of each shop joins them together. They can be lined up in any order. The kits will be issued every 2 or 3 months and initial orders for each will be accepted until the 15th of that month. Here are a few of the planned kits. This is just a sneak peek at the prototypes.



As you can see the Hedge Witch has evolved from the original prototype and no doubt there will be changes to the other shops shown;

Warped Webs- the wizard robe shop

Leaden Gold- the alchemist and cauldron shop

Quill & Quire – the book store

A sweet shop, curiosity shop, herbalist and shaman shop, dark arts shop, wand shop and tea room are on the list for possible future shops. My crystal ball hasn't shown them all to me yet but there are stirrings in the fog and some interesting shapes keep wandering past.

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Cheers

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