



*Christmas cookies on a holiday plate.*



*Ghostly spectre.*



*Gingerbread castles.*



*Gingerbread house.*



*Witch and potion bottle.*

France is a nation which once made exquisite porcelain dolls but not dolls houses. French artisans have crafted some of the worlds most coveted and elegant furniture but have given no thought to dolls house furnishings. Famous for miniaturising poodles, they've avoided mini accessories. Their fine art is among the most famous in the world and intended for the well to-do, and to this day the majority of their countrymen are still not keen on our hobby and most French miniaturists must look elsewhere for their tiny treasures.

For those who can afford to, the only options is to travel outside the country to the UK and USA to find quality hand-crafted miniatures, related books and magazines, and workshops. In recent years however a small but growing number of French artisans have been hard at work designing and fashioning exquisite items in 1/12th, 1/24th, and 1/48th scale in hopes of attracting locals to a hobby that has long languished and been grossly under-appreciated by the majority of their countrymen.

Miniature artisan Nathalie Gireaud has loved miniature toys since childhood. She and her sister owned a dolls house their mum made from scratch since dolls houses were not popular in France, furnishing it with homemade items and the occasional piece of Lundby furniture made in Sweden. It was while she was pregnant with her first child that Nathalie