

More Tips for Lighting Older Wooden Lundby Dollhouses and Using Older Blue Lundby Transformers

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IN THE MARCH 2008 ISSUE of *The Lundby Letter*, we printed some tips for using the new-type transformer with the longer prongs in older wooden Lundby houses. If you are lucky enough to have acquired an old blue Lundby transformer with two metal grommet-type receptacles (see photo #1), here are some more tips on lighting your Lundby houses:

1. If you have a 1960s wooden house, measure the distance between the 2 holes in the back of the house. If the distance is 1 inch (12 mm) and you have an old blue transformer as described above, here is the original type of hook-up. You use a connector cord which has 2 sets of yellow and grey prongs, one set at each end. One set of prongs fits directly into the metal grommets on the transformer and the other set attaches to the back of your wooden house (see photos #2 and #3). This is the best way of all to light the older Lundbys; however, the cords are hard to find and many people who did not know what the cords were for, just threw them out. But once you see the photo, you can be on the lookout for a set for yourself. Early on in my collecting, I learned the hard way NEVER to throw anything out—sooner or later I learned what that odd bit was for!!

2. If you have an old wooden Lundby house where the distance between the 2 holes in the back of the house is 8 mm (or you have any other Lundby house with 8 mm between the holes and made right up until today), you can still use the old-type blue transformer. You need an adapter plug #6099, and these show up on eBay and Tradera from time to time. The adapter may come in different colors than shown in the photo. The adapter plugs directly into the transformer and then you use an ordinary connector #6097 which plugs into the adapter and the back of your Lundby.



Photo #1

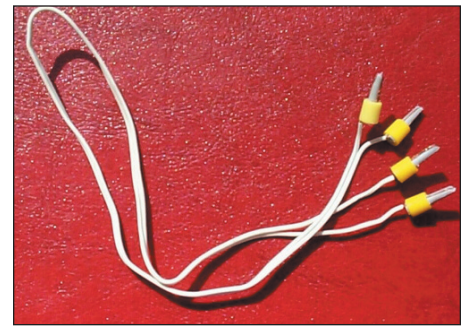


Photo #2

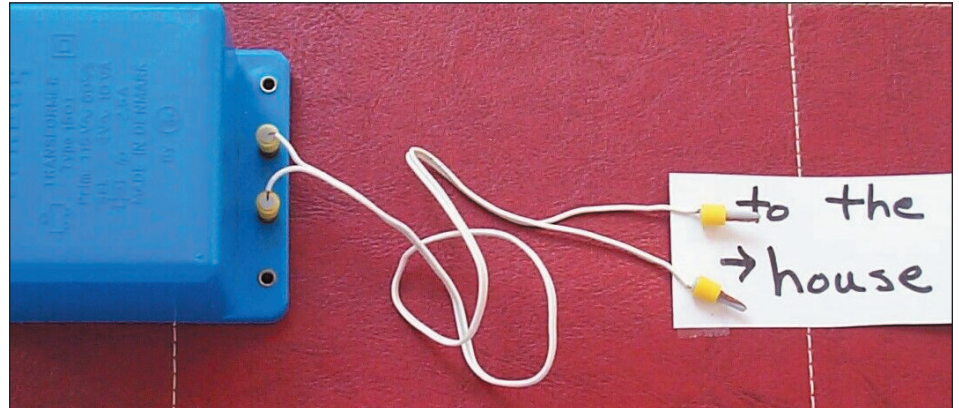


Photo #3

Since the adapter is a triple one, you can also plug in an additional connector to light an addition to your house and an exterior garden lamp (see photos #4 to #6).

SAFETY TIP: Do NOT plug 2 separate Lundby houses into one transformer using the adapter. A single transformer can light up to 30 individual bulbs and is designed for *one house plus 1 to 2 additions* for that house, depending on the number of lights you have installed. I have found that if I have too many lights, they dim perceptibly, so it's best to count the number of individual bulbs. If you have any questions about this, please feel to contact Patricia: newswedepat@yahoo.com ♥

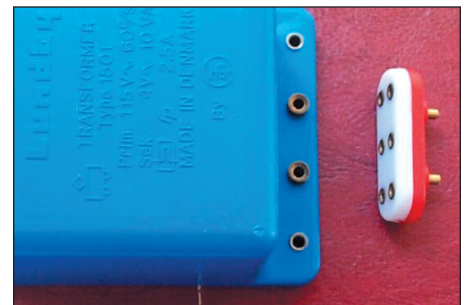


Photo #4



Photo #5

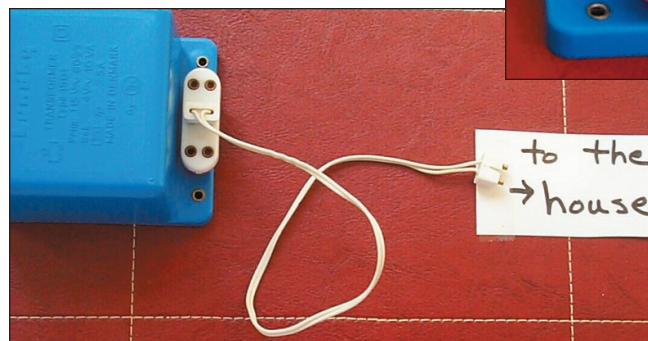


Photo #6

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