

SIMPLE PAPER HOUSE



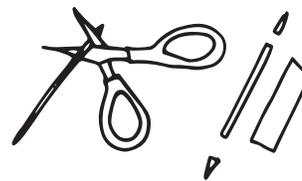
20–30 minutes

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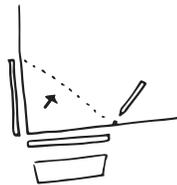
—Decorative paper, or any paper you have (recycled magazines, photos, construction paper, etc)
—Markers, pencil crayons, crayons or other drawing tools (if you want to decorate your house)

—Pencil
—Scissors
—White glue or tape

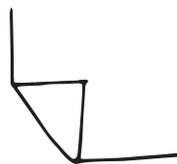
1 If you are planning to make a **toothpick cabin**, or want to use toothpicks for the trim of your house, first trim the pointy tips off of one toothpick. This trimmed toothpick will be your ‘ruler’ and will determine the size of your house. If you aren’t using toothpicks, you can instead use a small scrap of paper as your ruler.



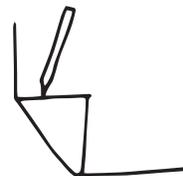
2 Use the scrap of paper or toothpick to measure two marks equidistant from the corner of a sheet of paper. Mark with a pencil.



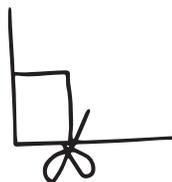
3 Fold the corner of the paper so that the two dots are connected by the fold.



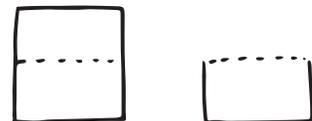
4 Trace the corner of the paper.



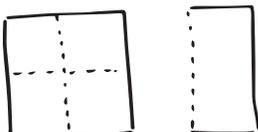
5 Unfold the corner and cut out the square.



6 Fold the square in half.



7 Fold the square in half the other way.

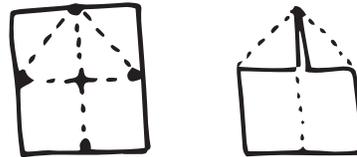


8 Mark the ends of each fold, and the place where the two folds meet in the middle.

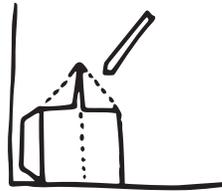


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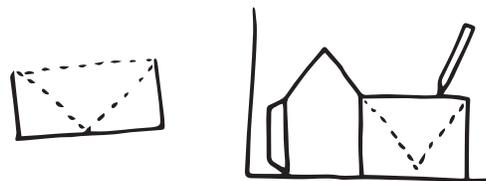
9 Fold both of the top corners into the middle to form the face (front and back) of the house



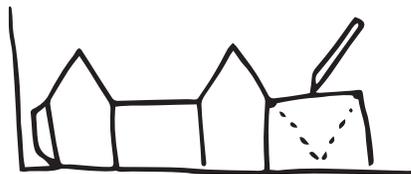
10 Leaving space for a tab, trace the shape of the face of the house with a pencil onto the back of your decorative paper. Draw a tab on the left of the face.



11 Fold the the house template in half and trace on the right of the face of the house to form one side of the house.



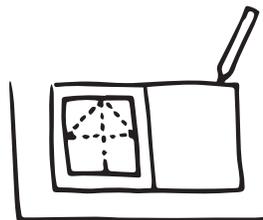
12 Repeat the face and side to form the back and other side of the house.



13 Draw tabs on each of the top edges of the house and cut out the house. Make two cuts for a door and fold along the hinge side.



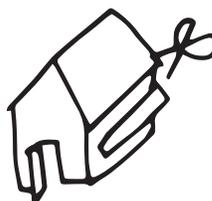
14 Open up the square template and trace around it twice, leaving some extra space all around the template. The two squares should share one side to form the peak of the roof. Cut out the roof, leaving the peak intact.



15 Fold the house into shape and glue or tape the tab on the inside wall.



16 Trim the roof if it is too big, and glue or tape it onto the top tabs of the house.

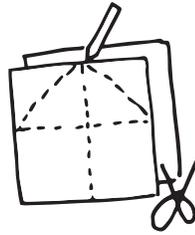


ADD A CHIMNEY

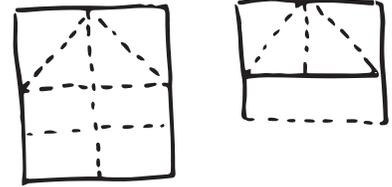


10 minutes

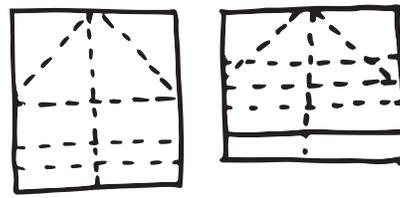
- 1 Trace the original **simple paper house** template square onto the back of a piece of paper that you want to use for your chimney. Cut this square out and set aside.



- 2 The chimney needs five sections of paper that are the same width. To make a chimney template, take your original simple paper house template and fold the bottom half towards the middle of the square.



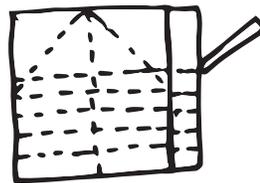
- 3 Open up the template and fold the new section in half again. This fold will form a strip that is 1/8th of the whole square. You will need five of these strips total to create the chimney.



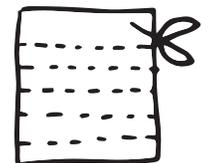
- 4 Fold the square up now so that you create five equal sections total.



- 5 Unfold the template and now mark the paper you set aside for the chimney with the five sections.



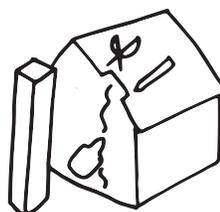
- 6 Cut the five sections away from the leftover area.



- 7 Fold the chimney up using the marks you made as a guide, and glue the outside of the fifth section to the inside of the first section.



- 8 Mark the roof of the house with a notch that fits the chimney, and trim with small scissors. Use white glue to attach the chimney.



CARDBOARD HOUSE



1–2 hours

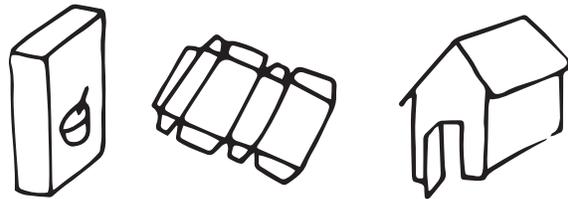
Materials needed:

- A piece of paper
- Cereal box or cracker box cardboard
- Acrylic paint, markers, pencil crayons, crayons or other drawing tools (if you want to decorate your house)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- White glue or tape

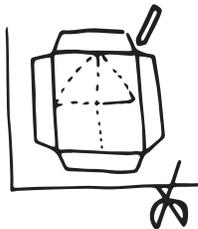
Optional materials:

- White base coat or gesso
- Toothpicks or coffee stir sticks for details

- 1** Use the steps listed for the **simple paper house**, using thin cardboard from a cracker or cereal box instead of paper. Cut the box so the unprinted side of the box is your house's exterior.



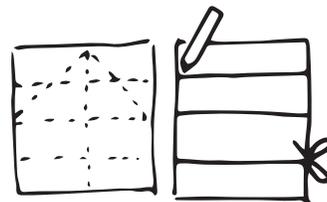
- 2** To make the house more sturdy, make a bottom. Trace the original template square on cardboard, adding tabs on all sides.



- 3** Cut out the bottom, including a space for the door, and a hole in the middle if you plan to put a light inside.



- 4** To make bricks or siding for the bottom half of the house, fold the original template into quarters. Mark the equal strips on a piece of cardboard and cut out.

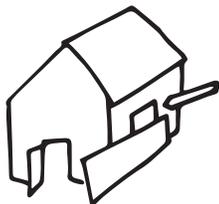


- 5** To make thinner areas of siding or bricks, evenly trim each strip.



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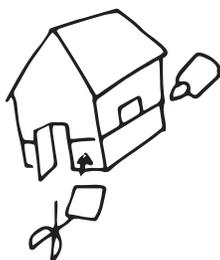
- 6** Using a piece of the siding to mark the bottom of the window, draw a window with a pencil.



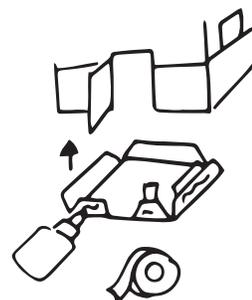
- 7** Cut out window with a pair of scissors as shown, or use a craft knife instead. The siding will cover the cut towards the window if you used scissors.



- 8** Cut the siding to fit around the door and glue all siding on.



- 9** Glue the bottom on. **Tip:** tape will help keep the bottom on until the glue dries.



- 10** You can add toothpicks or coffee stir sticks for details like the door frame and the shutters. Cut toothpicks inside of a clear bag so pieces don't fly off and hurt pets or people.



- 11** Glue the wood details on. You can finish the house with markers or acrylic paint. Tip; to make the house less likely to warp, first seal with a thin coat of acrylic primer or gesso. Layering up the house with thin layers of acrylic paint instead of thick will also help avoid warping.



TOOTHPICK CABIN+STONE CHIMNEY



2+ hours

Materials needed:

- A piece of paper
- Cereal box or cracker box cardboard
- Acrylic paint, markers, pencil crayons, crayons or other drawing tools (if you want to decorate your house)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- White glue or tape
- Lots of Toothpicks (about 150 per cabin) and/or wood coffee stir sticks
- Gravel or small stones

1 First make a **cardboard cabin** as instructed, but leave the roof off.

2 Lay a thin layer of glue on the back of the house (thick glue may warp the cardboard). Glue toothpicks across the back and allow to dry. Turn the house over and glue toothpicks across the front, this time trimming to fit around the door.



3 Once the glue is thoroughly dry, use sharp scissors to trim the toothpicks across the edges of the cardboard.
Tip: Hardware shears or metal snips make this job easier. If some of the toothpicks pop off of the house during cutting, just add a bit more glue and replace them.



4 Cover the sides with toothpicks in the same manner and glue the roof to the tabs.



5 To finish, toothpicks or coffee stir sticks can be glued to the roof and a chimney added. To make a chimney, make a bundle of toothpicks trimmed to size. Glue these toothpicks together and onto the cabin before adding stones/gravel.



6 **Tip:** Small office clips are helpful to keep the toothpicks and cardboard flat while the glue dries throughout the construction of the cabin.

