

## NAME Birdhouse

(in 1:12 and 1:24 Scales)

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### TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- Scissors
- Stylus
- Tacky or other white glue
- Thin toothpick for perch (to be cut to desired length)
- Bamboo skewer or small dowel for mounting post

The bamboo skewer or small dowel could be used for both scales. The perch for the smaller scale would best be made with a very thin piece of wood, or something similar to a broom bristle.

### House

Punch a small hole in the center of the yellow bottom square, where the green dot is located. This will accommodate a bamboo skewer for your mounting pole. Try to keep the hole smaller than the width of the bamboo skewer so that you can get a tight fit when you go to insert and glue it in place. Also make a small hole below the front

door for a perch. A black circle in the front door represents the bird's entryway. You can make an optional hole in the front door if you prefer. Note: Although it's designed to be glued on top of a bamboo skewer, the birdhouse can also sit on a porch rail or hang from a tree branch.

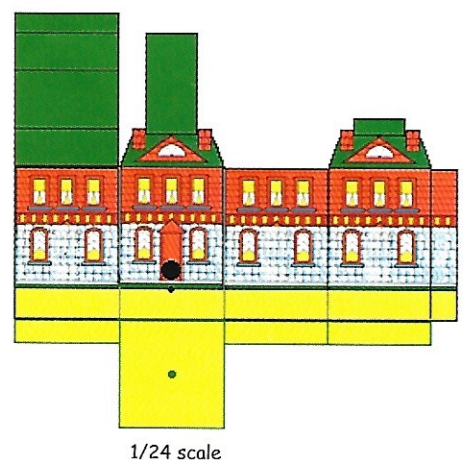
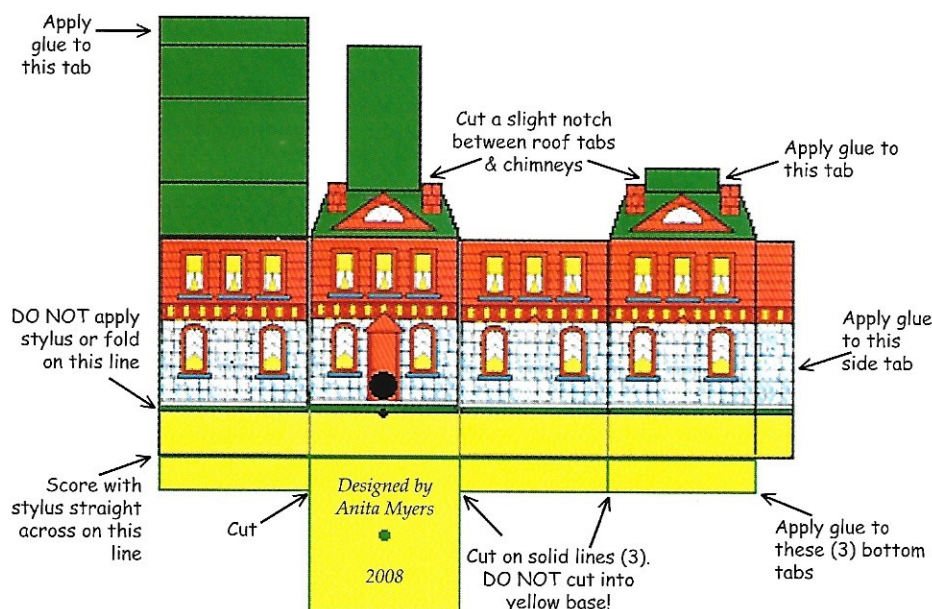
With a stylus, score the four vertical side walls, from the red to the yellow. Cut to separate the three bottom tabs, being careful not to cut into the yellow base beneath the stone walls. Also make a small notch cut where the roof and chimneys meet, so the chimneys stand upright when the roof is folded.

Apply glue to side tab and bottom three yellow bottom tabs. Form a box, gluing the side tab to the side wall that is next to it. Apply glue to the three yellow bottom tabs, folding them inward, and fold bottom yellow base square over the three yellow tabs.

### Roof

Apply glue to small green roof tab at the back wall. First glue thin green roof strip from the front of the building to the back wall roof tab. This will give stability to the roof. Once dry, apply glue to the roof side tab and also to the thin green roof strip. Form roof over the thin roof strip and tuck glued tab into opposite side wall.

Cut a small piece of toothpick for the perch. Apply glue to the end of the toothpick and insert it into the tiny hole beneath the door. Apply glue to the tip of a bamboo skewer and to the bottom hole where the skewer is to be inserted. Insert skewer in until the pointed end touches the inside of the roof. You can apply additional glue as needed for stability. Trim off excess length of bamboo skewer to your desired height for the birdhouse.



Note: These patterns can be glued to cardstock for extra thickness or copied and printed onto heavier paper for your own use.