

Paper Dollhouse Earrings Tips

Tools/Supplies needed: Tacky glue Super glue (I use Loctite Gel) Tweezers Small scissors Card stock (I used 65 lb. card stock) Satin or matte varnish 1" eye pin** Ear wires**

**I purchased at a local hobby shop that sold jewelry findings and chose sterling silver. You can also find online by doing a Google search. Shown at the end of these tips.

May need: Flat nose pliers Wire cutter

Ideas for searching on Pinterest. Clicking on pins that come up will give you other possibilities towards the bottom of that page.

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Find, copy and paste image. I used Microsoft Word as that is what I am familiar with. Consider size of the house that you would like to use. Resize if appropriate. The sizes of the houses on that sheet were the sizes that I was able to use when printing off. Keep in mind that no two will be the exact same size as there are many dependencies. You may need to experiment.

Print out the house on card stock. Consider making the roof a little bit larger so that there is a little overhang if you prefer.

Prior to cutting out, consider adding support tabs and base if it doesn't have any and/or making existing tabs larger. Shown in picture below with tab made larger to the left of the house. This gives you more to gluing surface when gluing together.

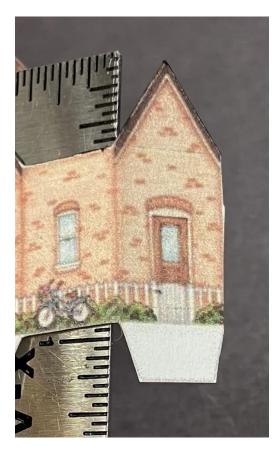


Cut out outside lines:



If you feel you need to use the side of a pencil across the white edges at the top of the house, you can do that now. You will also want to ensure the underside of the roof is painted if there is any overhang.

Using a ruler, fold on fold lines ensuring you have a very good crease:



Please note – if you don't want to use a Dremel drill to drill a small hole in the roof for the eye pin to stick in **after** you glue everything together, you may want to make the hole now in the middle of the peak of the roof using a larger pin or whatever you may have to create it. Just make sure that the eye pin fits through it but don't make it much larger than that.

Place glue on the side tab to put the house together.



Use tweezers till the glue sets a bit to ensure everything will stay even and at a right angle.



You will then want to glue bottom together by setting on a surface after applying the glue and using something to stick in the house and hold against the surface to allow everything to stay together while the glue sets up.

Glue roof to the house.

Paint bottom with a coordinating color as it will show. Let dry.

You will need to create a small hole at the top of the roof with a Dremel to put the eye pin in if you didn't do earlier. Test fit eye pin. If the eye pin is taller than house, cut off bottom as appropriate. Dip the bottom tip of the eye pin in just a little bit of tacky plus super glue. You will need enough to make it stay inside but you don't want too much where it creates a mess. If any oozes out at the top (which it probably will), you can use a toothpick and paper towel to clean up a bit. If you feel it's not secure enough after, you can add a bit more glue on top of roof but be careful since it will show. I have only had to re-glue one of mine (out of two sets) after wearing for several years.

You will want to be sure that you can see through the eye pin when looking at the front so that the earring is facing the correct direction when you put it on the ear wires.



Once dry, attach ear wire to hole in eye pin. Depending on ear wire type, you may have to open the eye of the pin or the ear wire to attach them together and then shut again once attached. You may be able to do with fingers, if not, you can use smaller flat nose pliers.



Consider embellishing. Depending on type of embellishment, you may want to varnish (will probably want to use satin or matte) prior or after.

Possible embellishments

- Snow-tex (as snow)
- Acrylic paint (dots for flowers)

- Dimensional paint (flowers)
- Tiny glitter
- Extra copy of windows, doors, outside items glued to house to create dimension

Jewelry findings Different types of ear wires:



1" eye pin:

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