

Doghouse

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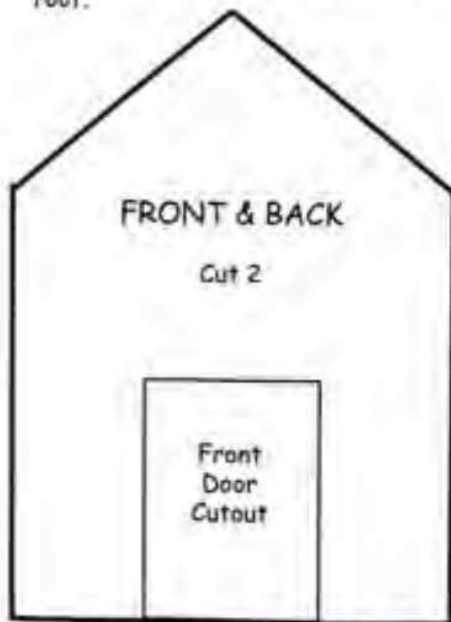
MATERIALS

- Cardboard or Taskboard™ about 1/16" thick or heavier.
- Straight-edge
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Craft knife and cutting mat
- Glue
- Toothpicks
- A right angle to help square joints (a box corner or Legos will work)
- Paint, Colored pencils or markers

A note from Mary: Taskboard is available from the company, www.taskboard.com. Samples are no longer free, but there are smaller sizes which are quite affordable. The cost per doghouse is around \$2. I have no connection with the company, but in my opinion it's easier to work with and joints and applied finishes come out quite well.

Read through all directions once or twice before beginning.

1. Cut out your pattern pieces and lay them out.
2. Using a straight-edge to help keep your pencil steady, draw around the pattern pieces on the cardboard on Taskboard™. Mark the top of each side and also the center line of the roof.



3. Cut out with your knife. If you want to cut a door now is the time. It's much more difficult if you decide to do it later, as seen by my crooked doorway.
4. Glue the front edge of a side piece just inside the edge of the front piece; hold it firmly to your right angle square/Legos until the glue is pretty well set. Carefully glue the other side piece to the other inside edge of the front and square it and hold it as before.
5. Glue the back piece onto the edges of the two side pieces. Make sure the corners are squared.
6. For the roof, find the center and score it lightly with your knife using your straight-edge. Crease it to fit the doghouse. Glue to the top.
7. You may leave your doghouse plain, paint it to match your dollhouse, or any way you like. When the paint is dry check to see if it needs a second coat.
8. After painting put your dog's name over the doorway or draw some weeds on the side of the house. You could also make a base with some grass or dusty ground around the doghouse.



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SIDES

Cut 2

ROOF

Cut 1

Crease on center line