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DO NOT USE THE PLAN BOOK
INSTRUCTIONS

As you assemble this kit, DO NOT USE THE PLAN BOOK INSTRUCTIONS. While the finished product is the same, this kit is an adaptation of the Houseworks 3-in-1 plan book dollhouse. You will only be successful by following the attached instruction pages 1 thru 4. Your completed dollhouse is compatible with the Houseworks architectural components listed in the plan book on page 21.

Your dollhouse kit is made of the finest quality materials available, handcrafted in Vermont with pride by REAL GOOD TOYS. Enjoy!

House Body

Base floor 31-1/8" x 14-1/2"
 Middle floor 31-1/8" x 14-1/2" with stair hole
 Top floor 31-7/8" x 16-7/8"
 Rear wall 20-3/4" x 31-7/8"
 2 - Side wall 20-3/4" x 14-1/2" with window openings
 Back roof 33" x 12-1/2"
 Top front roof 33" x 1-7/8"
 2 - Side triangle 8-7/16" tall
 2 - Attic partitions 8-7/16" tall x 10-1/4"
 2 - Foundation 31-5/8" x 2-5/8"
 4 - Foundation 14" x 2-5/8"
 4 - Dividers 10" x 14-1/2" with door opening
 Divider 10" x 9-1/2"
 Divider 10" x 5-1/2" with door opening
 Divider 10" x 8-5/8" with french door opening
 Upper stair blind 8" Triangle
 Lower stair blind 2 1/2" Triangle
 4 - Eave returns 3/8" x 1/2" x 2-1/4"
 9 - Hinges and 36 - screws

Yorktown - Colonial Front

Front roof 33" x 11" with dormers
 Top step 3/4" x 2-1/2" x 6"
 3 - Step 3/4" x 1-1/4" x 6"
 2 - Support 3/4" x 3/4" x 2-1/4"
 2 - Support 3/4" x 3/4" x 3"
 2 - Support 3/4" x 3/4" x 3-3/4"
 Left upper front 10-3/8" x 20-7/16" with 2 windows
 Left filler strip 1-1/8" x 18-15/16"
 Left lower front 1-1/2" x 20-7/16" with window, door & notches
 Right upper front 10-3/8" x 11-3/8" with window
 Right filler strip 1-1/8" x 9-7/8"
 Right lower front 11-1/2" x 11-3/8" with window & notches.
 4 - Side Blocks 3/4" x 3/4" x 10-3/8"

This Dollhouse shell is Real Good Toys' adaptation of the Houseworks 3-in-1 plan book dollhouse. Real Good Toys developed this house kit to be compatible with the Houseworks architectural components listed in the plan book: Yorktown Accessories Page 21 and the #6011 french door.

As you assemble this kit, please don't be confused by the shell as described in the plan book. While the finished product is the same, this kit is different from the plan book and these instructions should be used exclusively for the shell.

You may have chosen finishing touches such as wallpaper, flooring or wiring. Plan ahead to determine which stage of assembly is the easiest for adding these things.

We recommend that you try a dry run for each section before final assembly to check parts, to see how they locate and to understand the assembly. Then you can comfortably start out again, following the instruction steps - this time - using glue and nails. This dry run will help you avoid mistakes. In the dry run steps, you will understand the overall plan of your dollhouse and how it will work for you.

Finally, as you go along, don't hesitate to stop working on your house for any reason. This house will last you a lifetime. It is too worthy to rush.

Supplies, Tools, Tips and Techniques

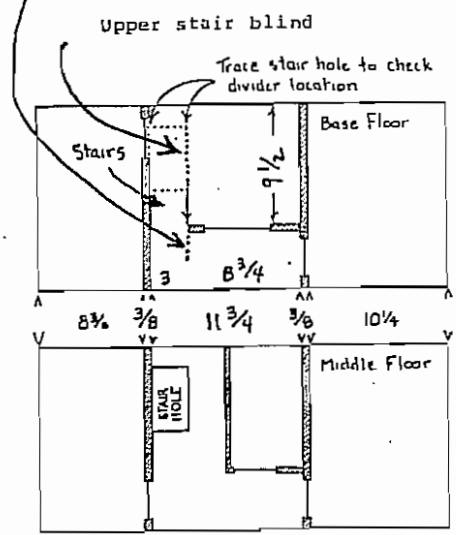
- A. Nails. For the house body, 1" panel nails (also called "ring nails") are the best fastener. These are available at any hardware store. They are usually colored and are made specifically for attaching paneling to walls.
- B. Whenever possible, mark a butt joint on the panel through which the nail will pass first, then remove the panel and PREPUNCH nail holes from the back side, on center, between marks. This gives a perfectly centered nail in the joint when nailed through hole from the front and reduces "split out" when final nailing and gluing are done. To PREPUNCH a hole, drive a nail through the panel from the back side and then pull the nail back out.
- C. Glue. White or yellow glue works best. When applying the glue, squeeze the excess air out of the top of the glue bottle before turning it over. Then when you release pressure from the bottle at the end of a dab or line of glue, the bottle will suck the remainder of the stream of glue back in rather than running it all over your work. Between steps, go back and clean up glue after gluing and nailing.
- D. A Paintbrush in a water cup may be pinched dry and used to wipe up excess glue.
- E. The stair, window and door holes have rounded corners which must be squared. Use a knife, file, or very fine bladed saw and work from the surface inward on both sides to avoid "split out".
- F. A Utility knife with a new sharp blade is safer and easier to use than a jack or kitchen knife for trimming, customizing and cutting.
- G. Sandpaper. Use 100 or 120 Grit. Sand off any rough edges before assembly.
- H. Hammer (some people prefer tack hammers). Sand the striking surface to reduce bending nails.
- I. Brad Pusher or pifers give more control for small nails than a hammer, and without impact. Set nails the last little bit with a nail set and hammer after the glue is dry.
- J. We have found that sometimes assembly is easier with two people. So, try to have someone around to give you a hand when you need it.
- K. Finally, be sure to follow the instructions exactly when they require keeping things "Square". It is VERY IMPORTANT. If you don't quite understand how to do it, ask someone who does.

Houseworks "3-in-1" House Body

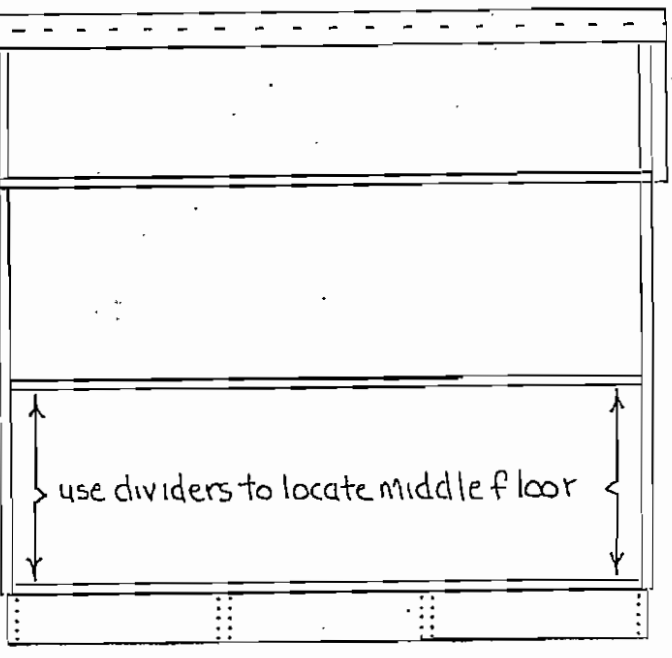
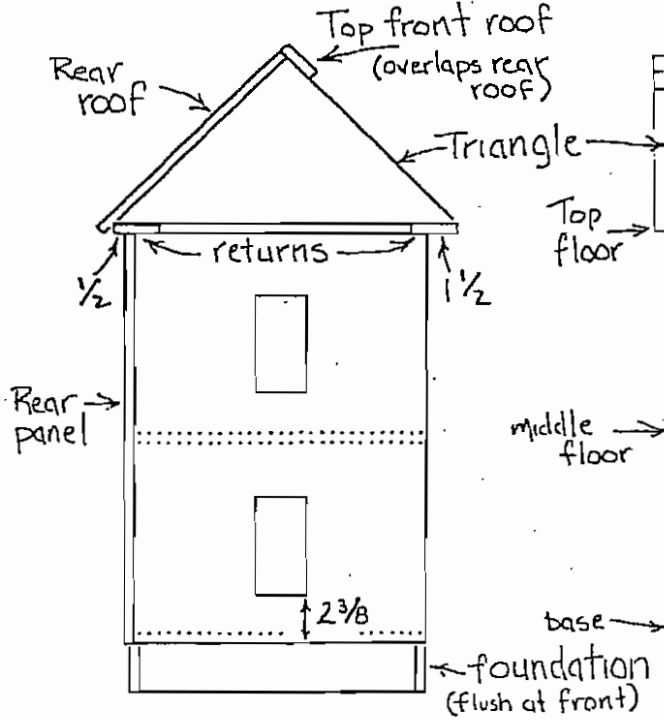
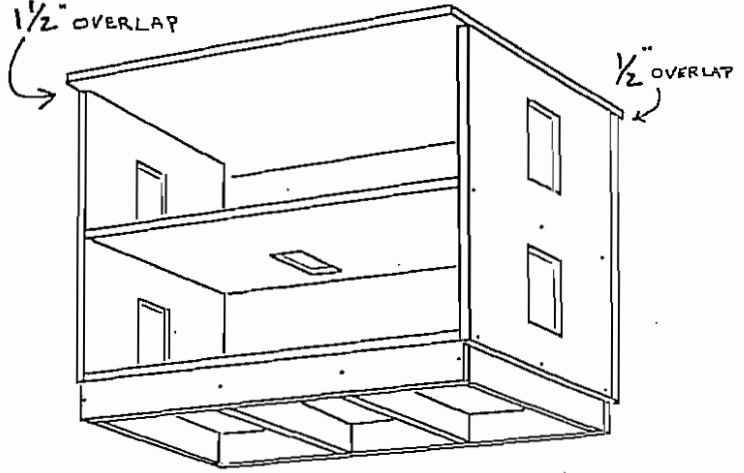
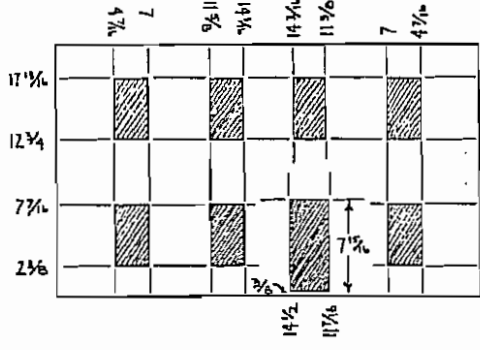
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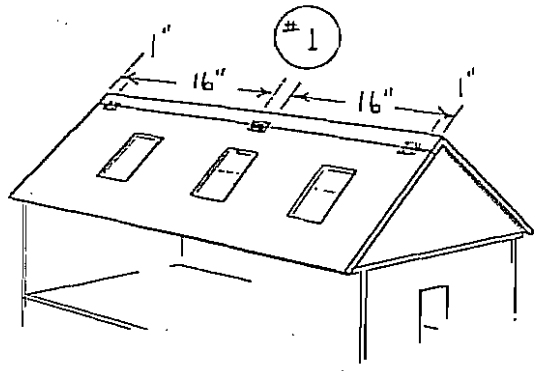
- A. Glue and nail one side panel to the base floor (side panel overlaps the floor). The 2-3/8" window space is at the side panel bottom edge. Repeat for the other side panel. Use an assistant, or the middle panel for support.
- B. Set dividers against side panels to locate the middle floor. Make sure stair hole is in proper position. Glue and nail.
- C. Before attaching rear panel you may wish to prepunch a nail hole for the middle floor center by tracing its location and driving a nail through, then pulling it out. Do this with the house on a flat surface with dividers in place. Attach rear panel. Glue and nail.
- D. Glue and nail top floor on top edge of sides and rear. Overlap 1/2" at rear and 1-1/2" at front (away from stair hole).
- E. Glue and tape triangles to outer edges of top floor. Use dividers to hold them square while they dry.
- F. Attach rear roof and top front roof as shown with attic partitions in place. Make sure eaves are even.
- G. Tape front roof in place, then mount hinges as shown in illustration #1 on page 4.

Lower stair blind
(only used with Housework's stairs)

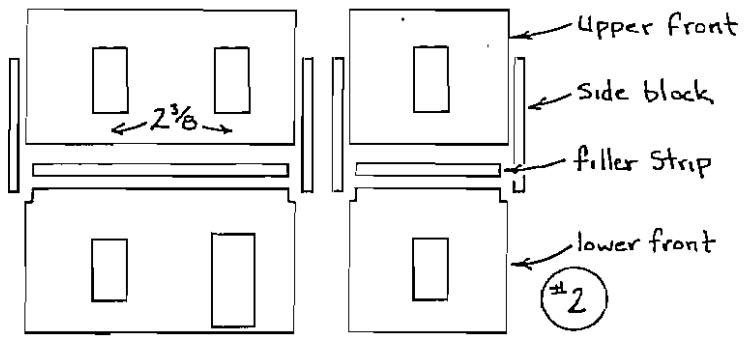


Locate dividers before assembly

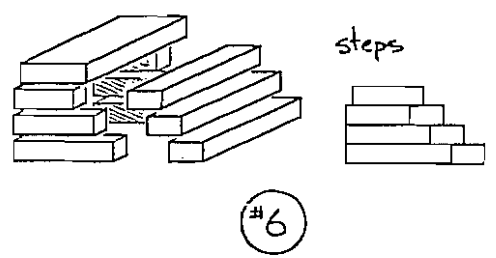
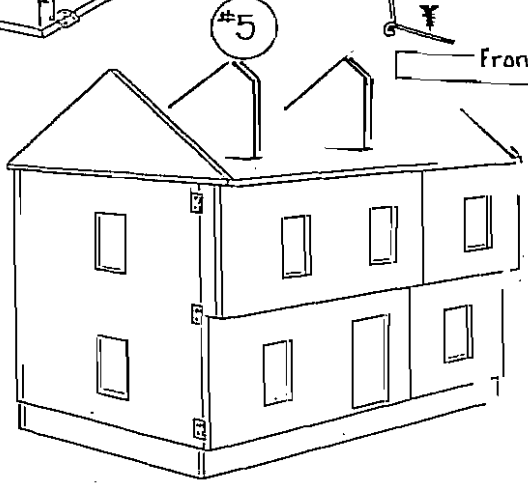
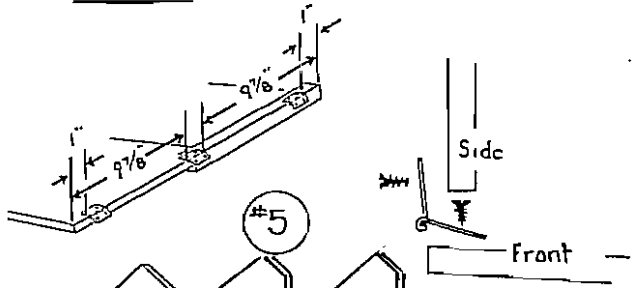
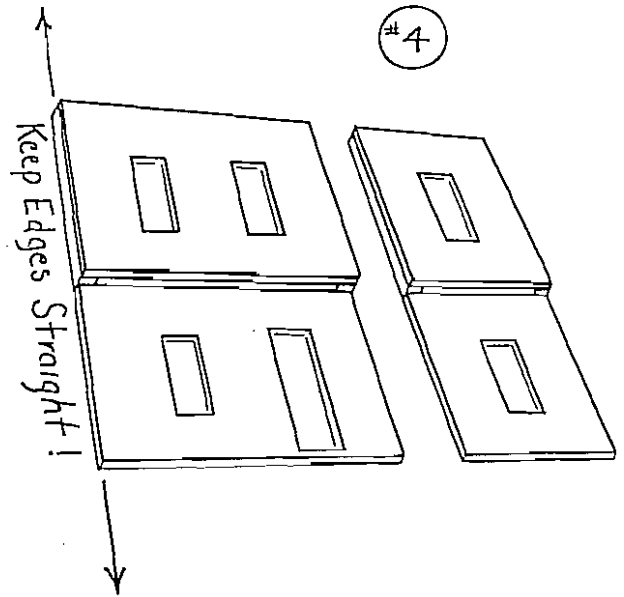
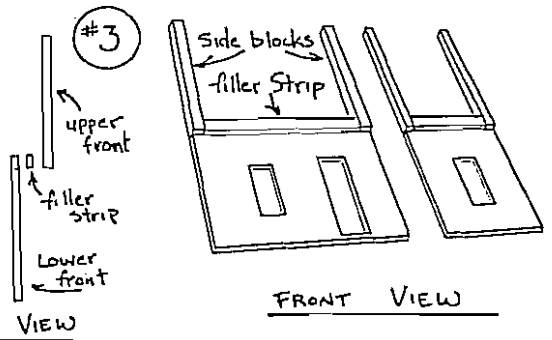




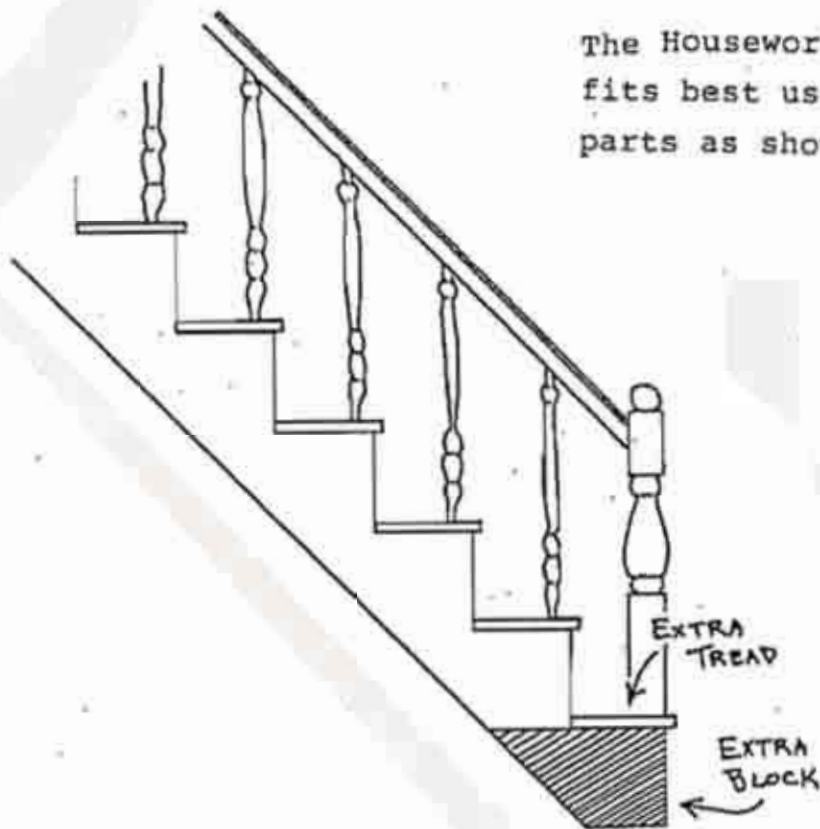
Yorktown - Colonial Front



- A. Assembly of front panels - lay the assembled house body face down. Then lay out parts as per illustration #2 on top of the rear panel of the house body so that the parts will be assembled square and will fit properly on the front.
1. Glue filler strips to lower fronts between notches and flush at the top edge - illustration #3.
 2. Glue side blocks into the notches as in illustration #3, let the glue set.
 3. Glue and nail on the top fronts (flush with the filler strips bottom edge as in illustration #4).
 - Window space is 2-3/8" at the bottom.
 - Keep the side blocks positioned.
 - Be sure the edges of the panel assemblies make a straight line.
 4. Let dry.
 5. Nail through back of lower front into filler strip.
- B. Hinges
1. Hinges are screwed to the inner face of the front assemblies, pin down, 1 inch spaced from top and bottom edge, and 1 centered (9-7/8") as in illustration #5.
 2. Mount front panel on house body - keep panels up for swing clearance at the bottom
- C. Steps - assemble as per illustration #6



The Houseworks Stair Set #7000 fits best using these extra parts as shown.



The "Extra Block" and "Extra Tread" are included in this shell kit. The #7000 stairs are NOT part of the shell kit.

4. MOVING ON

A. A little twist or spring in the hinged panels can be controlled with a cabinet door magnet available at your local building supply store.

B. Use your Planbook only as a guide for the finish work on the dollhouse. The Houseworks Component Set for this house contains finish materials listed on Page 21 of the Planbook.

These materials, as well as $\frac{1}{16}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " stripwood, are available at your miniatures store and may be used for a great finished dollhouse.

C. **REAL GOOD TOYS** recommends the use of "Quick Grab Cement" for gluing on clapboard. Do not use water-based glue.

D. Finally, the passageway from the center front to the center rear room will accept a Houseworks #6011 French Door.

