

Virtual Giant Dolls' House

Alone Together

The instructions by governments all over the world for people to stay at home during the coronavirus pandemic has made everyone more aware of their personal space and the value of their community. The 70 million refugees around the world have also lost their freedom of movement and access to their communities.

In the Virtual Giant Dolls' House project, we ask children of all ages and their close ones to creatively share their experience of staying in one space because of self-isolation and social distancing.

Making a dolls' house in a shoebox engages participants in critical thinking and craft skills. It visually demonstrates the importance of community and mutual support for all people.



Examples of boxes made by members of the Giant Dolls' House community

Explanation of the activity

All that is required is a box (it doesn't have to be a shoebox!). Decorate it in a way that reflects your current experiences, emotions and surroundings, or something else that helps you find comfort in these times.

You can make a box with members of their household or on your own. Along with your box, write a short story or explanation about it: what you made and why, or a thought to go with your box - we love hearing about your experiences!

We would like you to photograph your finished work and then email it to us along with your story. We will take your images and stories and create one big global community Giant Dolls' House at www.giantdollshouse.org to celebrate World Refugee Day on 20th June 2020.

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Creative tips

To make your doll's house you need a shoebox or box of any size, without a lid. You can decorate the box with anything that you find in your home or your environment.

Think about natural materials such as bark, plants and natural fibres or re-used materials such as old magazines, fabric scraps, loo rolls, scraps of wallpaper, bottle caps, old newspapers, sweet wrapping, plastic bottle caps, old fabric, etc.

Then there's lolly-pop sticks, paper and card, pencil and paint as well as old pieces of jewellery, anything you can find. You can make whatever you like in your box. You'll also need glue, scissors and pen and paper (be careful with sharps and ask an adult for help if you need it).

Cans, lolly-pop sticks, bottle tops. Look what you have in your house. Look what you can make from simple elements. We will post more ideas and other boxes on our social media, so follow us! [@giantdollshouse](#) on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Cocktail umbrella



Sweet wrapper



Bottle tops



Jam jar lid



Button



Plastic pot



Sweet wrapper



Ribbon



Ice lolly stick



Straw



Tin foil



Nespresso pot



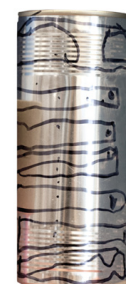
Pipe cleaners and card



Bottle caps



Card and fabric



Tin can

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Photography

Please make sure you photograph your box against a neutral background (preferably black), and take a picture from the front of the box. Make sure you send the image in high resolution.

Photograph front on

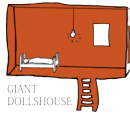


& against a plain background



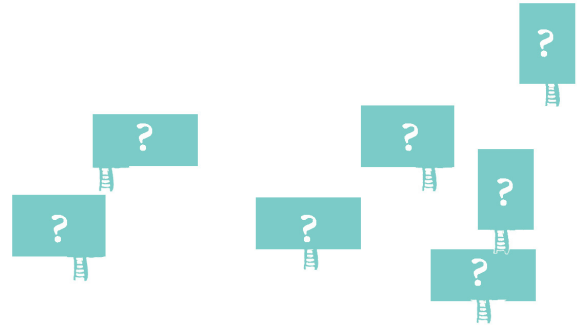
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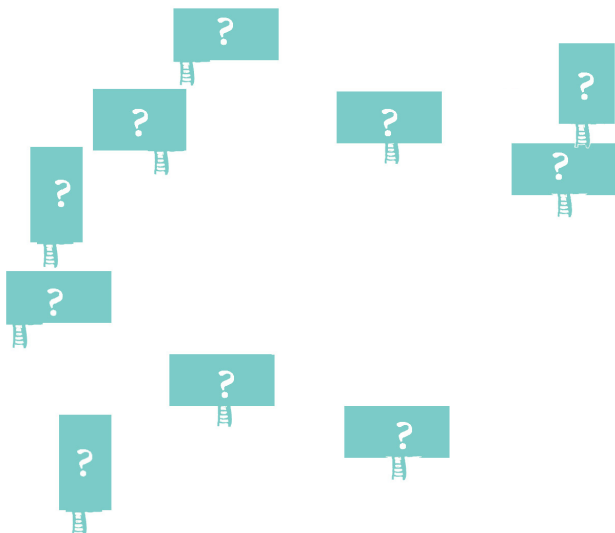
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Safeguarding and data privacy

- Parents and guardians should email or share work on behalf of young people aged under 18.
- The only identifying information Giant Dolls' House will publish alongside participants' work is their first name(s), age(s) (if under 18) and the country, city, town or borough where they live. Participants may withhold this information if they wish.
- Catja de Haas and Giant Dolls' House will delete participants' contact details as soon as their images have been processed and will guard them safely until then. They will not be shared without consent. Participants will only be contacted in relation to this project.
- Share images and stories @giantdollshouse on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#).
- Email your finished box with the story to: info@giantdollshouse.org or submit it to our website www.giantdollshouse.org and follow instructions.

The deadline has been extended to 20 June 2020.



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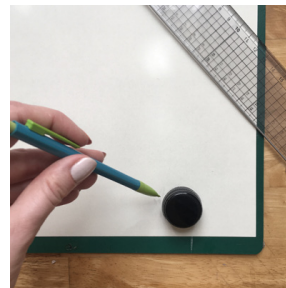
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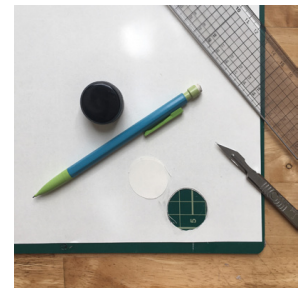
Creative tips and examples



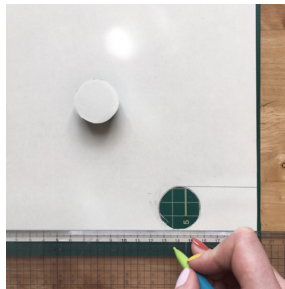
See what you can find in your house and gather materials



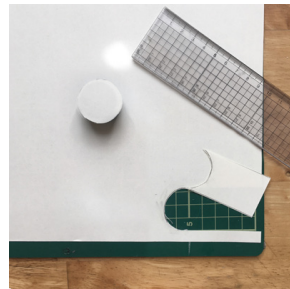
Place the lid on paper and draw around it



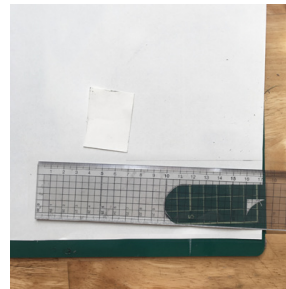
Cut the circle out - this will be the seat top



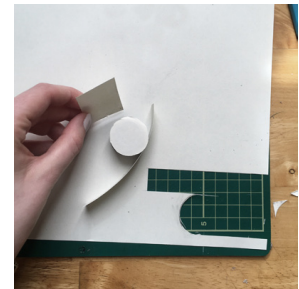
Draw a line from top and bottom of circle



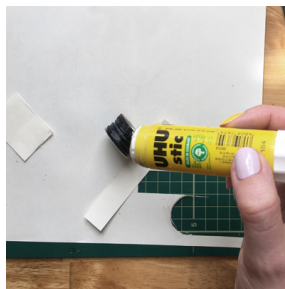
Cut the rectangle out



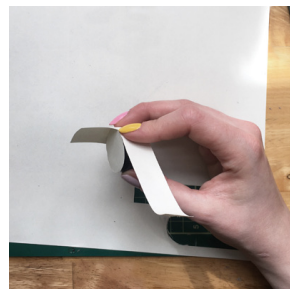
Draw a line for width of bottle lid



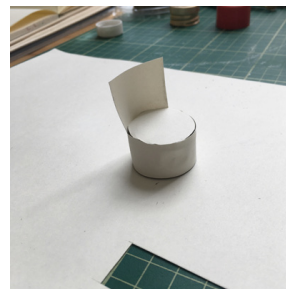
Cut along lines to get a strip of paper



Glue a section of the lid



Stick both rectangles to lid for the back and base



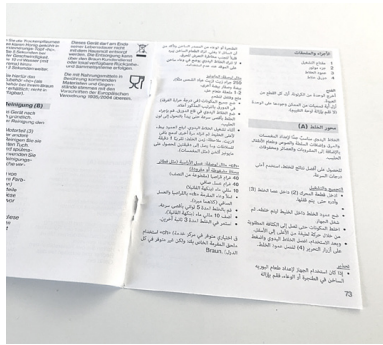
Check everything has stuck



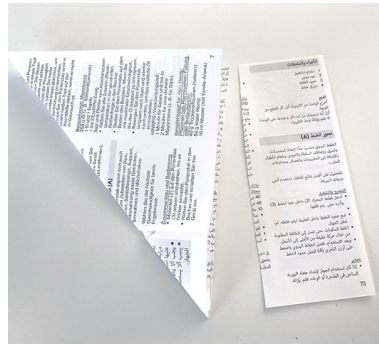
Now you have a seat for your dolls' house!

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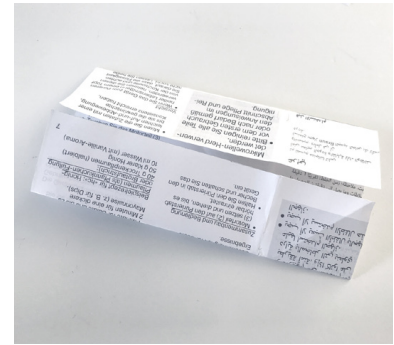
Creative tips and examples



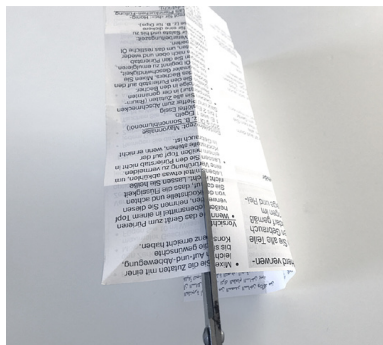
Find a sheet of scrap paper



Fold paper into a triangle and tear off the bottom to make a square



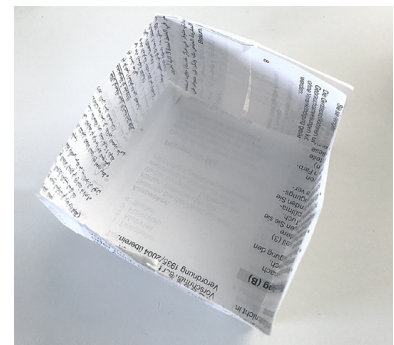
Fold paper in quarters



Cut along fold line a quarter in on two sides



Fold the edges to start to form the table and glue



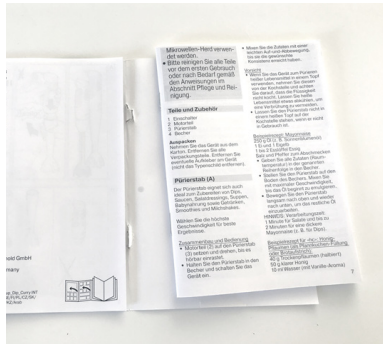
Press glued sides together and create the table!



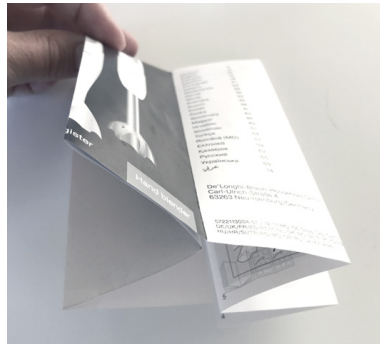
See what else you can make out of paper scraps!

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Find some scrap paper



Fold the paper into a concertina



Draw on a shape & make sure the shape goes to the edge of folds



Carefully cut out the shape



Unfold the paper cut out



Admire your work!



See what else you can make out of paper scraps!