





Instructions

1. This template is designed to print on heavy paper like card stock. You can use any paper that will go through your printer. Lightweight papers may be too flimsy and papers heavier than card stock may be difficult to fold.
2. Before you start, think about what you want your house to look like. The design has suggestions for windows and doors that are cut out before folding, but you can simply fold it up and glue it as is.
3. If you decide you want a more embellished house, you can draw, paint, decorate, or collage it on the reverse side of the paper before assembly. You can print out the template on letter paper and glue it securely to the back side of a design paper before cutting and folding.
4. Cut out any windows and doors with utility knife before you put the house together. The window designs on the template are just suggestions. An easy option for sectioned windows is cutting the whole outer window shape first then cutting/pasting crossbars to complete your design idea.
5. You can line windows with waxed paper, glassine, or other translucent paper, or leave them open.
6. Cut out the house on all along the light gray lines, then fold on dashed lines. Fold all tabs so they'll be inside the house.
7. Assemble and glue tabs on sides and floor. Floor sections will overlap.
5. Close and glue roof leaving one edge open so you can lift it up to put your wishes inside. Add a button, stamp, charm, etc. to the open edge to make a handle.
6. If you didn't embellish it before you put it together, you can choose to paint and decorate it now.
7. Add your finishing touches. Cotton ball snow and tiny bushes, anyone?
8. Now it's ready for you to add small pieces of paper with your wishes. You can light it with a faux tea light that uses a battery.

Notes:

Small things can be fiddly to make, so call on your patience and don't be a harsh judge of your first efforts. As with all crafts, your hands will learn with experience.

Fast-setting adhesives will make assembly easier. Narrow double-stick tape, scrapbooking roller glues, small glue sticks or glue micro-dots can make it easy. If you use white glue you'll probably need to hold bits into position as they dry.

I'd love to see your results! You can email me at pippa@craftdesignworks.com

Wish house