

DIY 18" Doll Clubhouse Diorama

**Easy to
build child
friendly
project!**



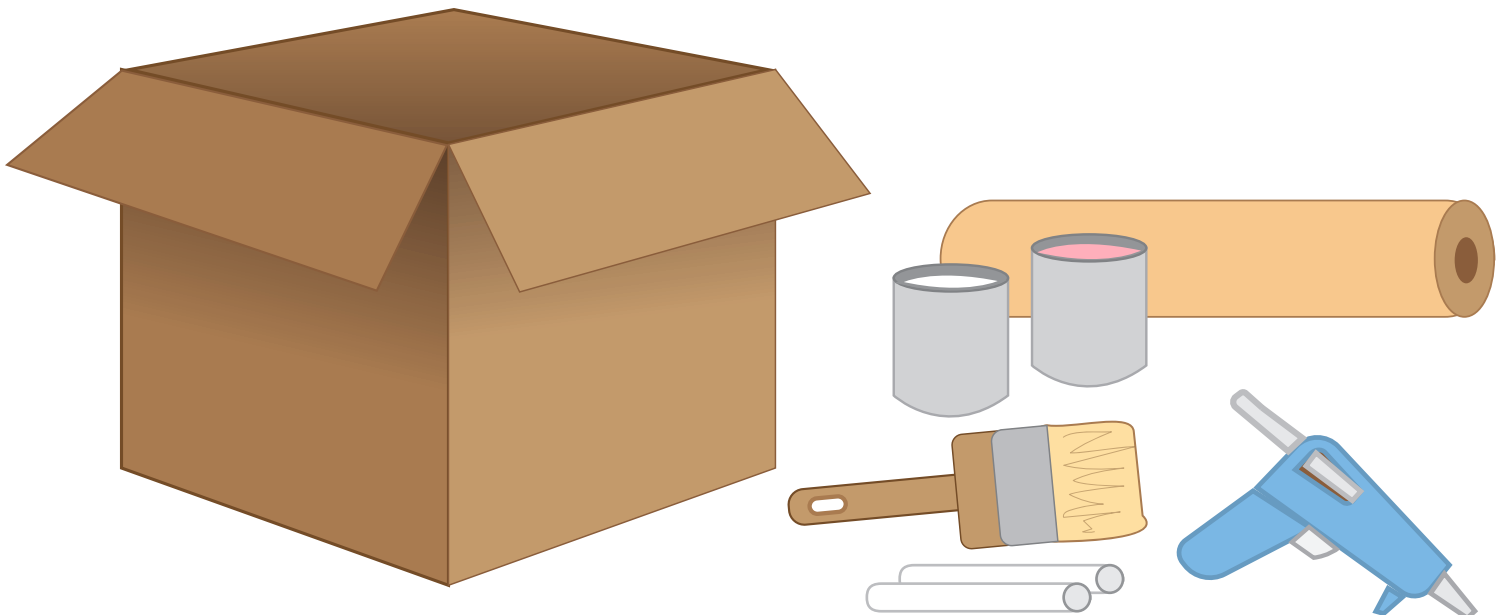
**Build your own
18" doll diorama using items
found around your house!**



What you'll need

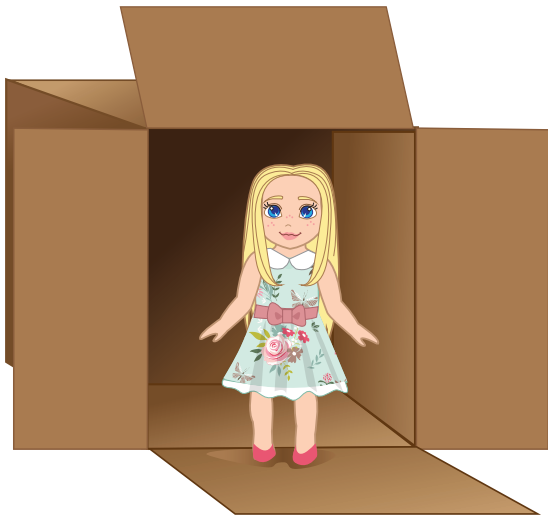


- 1 large empty cardboard box (large enough to fit your doll in)
- Box cutter or X-Acto knife
- Scissors
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Duct tape, scotch tape, or packaging tape
- A large and small paintbrush
- Hot glue sticks
- Hot glue gun
- Paint in the color(s) of your choice for interior and exterior walls
- 1/2 yard of plush fabric or contact paper for your choice of flooring
- Printed window templates located in the back of this file
- Optional:
 - Gift wrap paper with a pattern of your choice for interior walls
 - Glue stick
 - Foamboard for baseboards



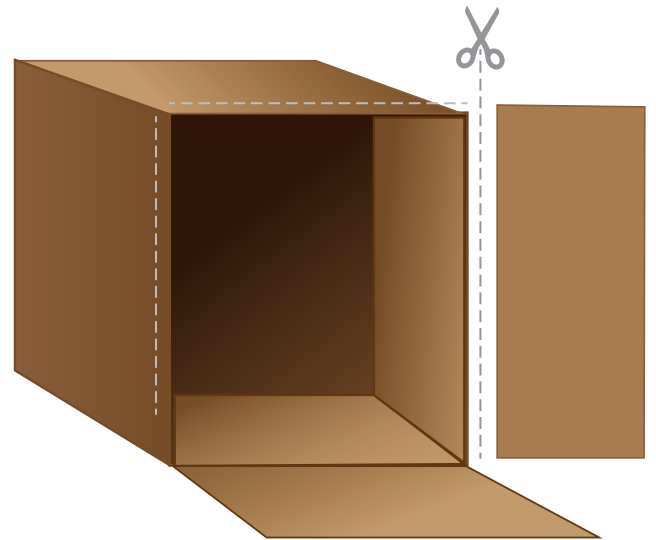


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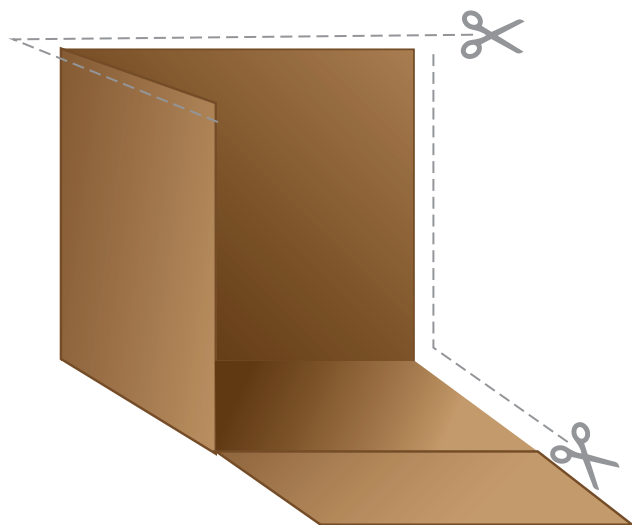
Step 1

When choosing your cardboard box, make sure it's large enough to fit your doll. Since our dolls are 18", we used a box that measured 24"x18"x12".



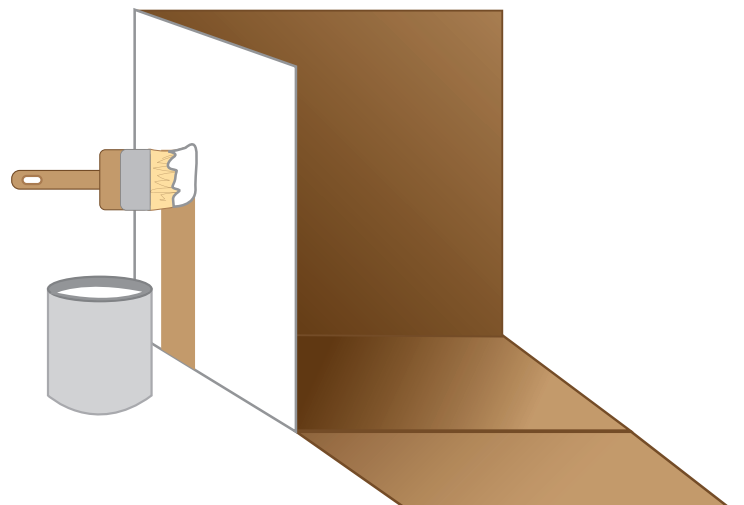
Step 2

Lie the box on its side so its open end is facing you. Carefully cut all of the flaps off the open side except for the bottom one facing the floor.



Step 3

Cut off 2 sides of the box; the top side of the box and the left side. You should now have 3 sides on your box: 2 walls forming a corner and a floor.

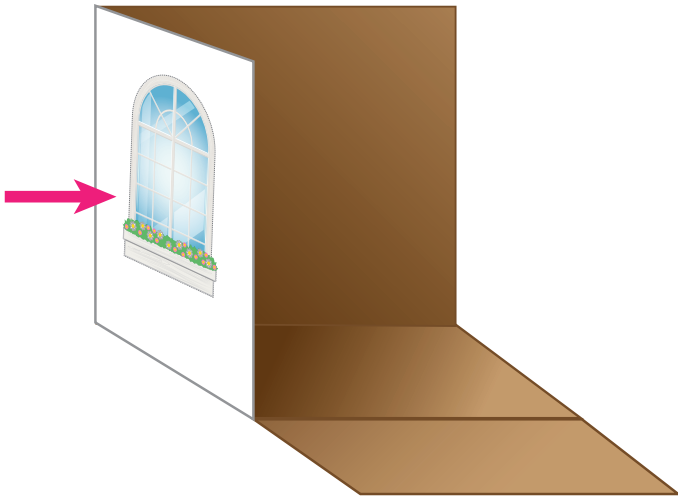


Step 4

Paint the outside of the box any color you would like. Keep in mind that you are painting on sensitive cardboard, so make sure to do light layers with paint that isn't too runny. Let it dry for 1 hour.

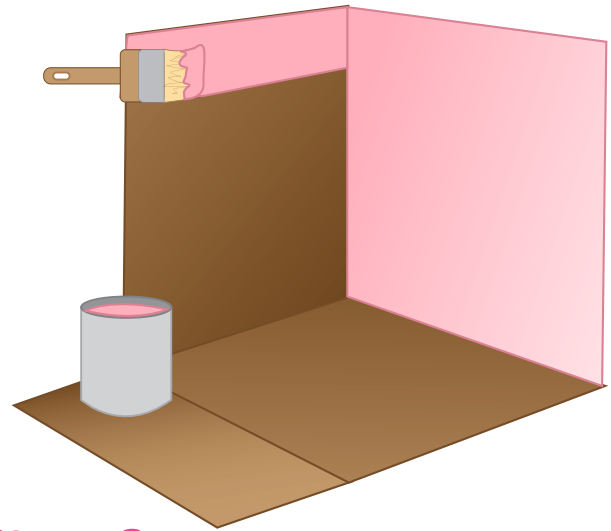


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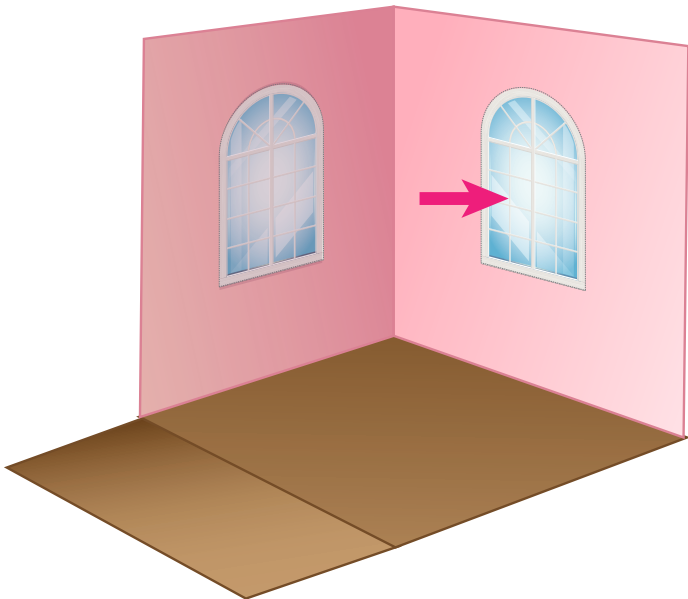
Step 5

While you're waiting for your paint to dry, print out windows and sign from the next pages of this document. Carefully cut them out along the cutlines. Once your paint is dry, glue or tape the windows to the exterior walls.



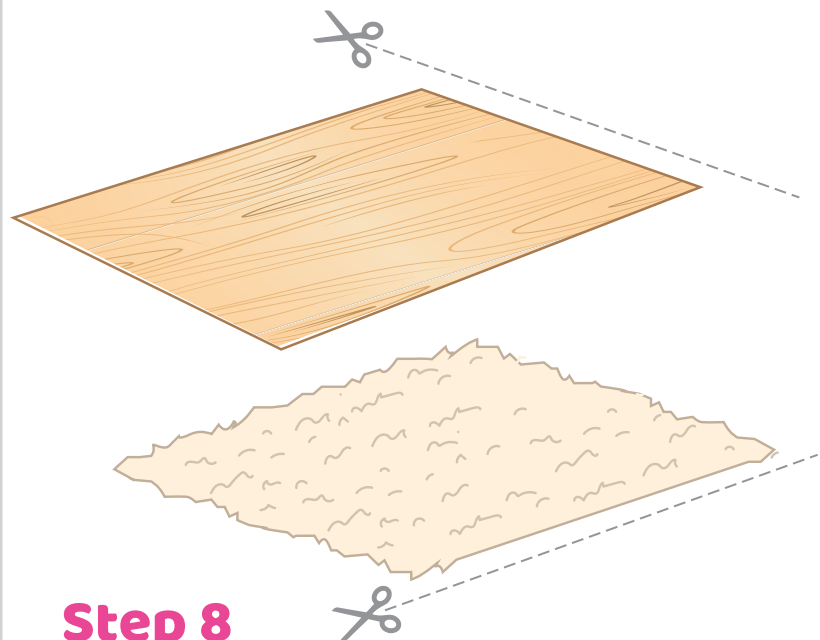
Step 6

Turn the box around and paint the inside. An alternative to painting is to line the walls with gift wrap paper or contact paper (to use as wallpaper). If you choose to use gift wrap or contact paper, glue (with a glue stick) or tape it evenly to the walls. Wait an hour for the paint or glue to dry



Step 7

Like in Step 6 and 7, print windows out, cut and paste, but on the interior walls.

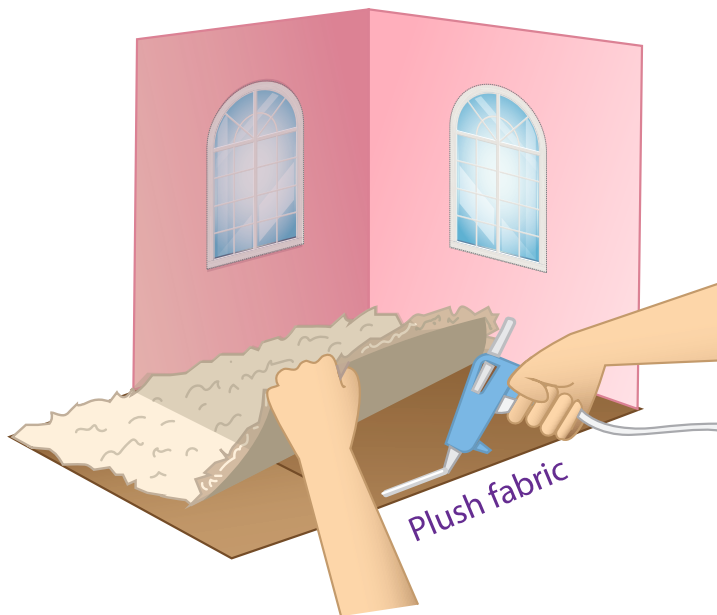


Step 8

For the flooring, unroll plush fabric (to use as carpet) or contact paper (to use as hard floors). Cut the fabric or contact paper the same size as the floor.

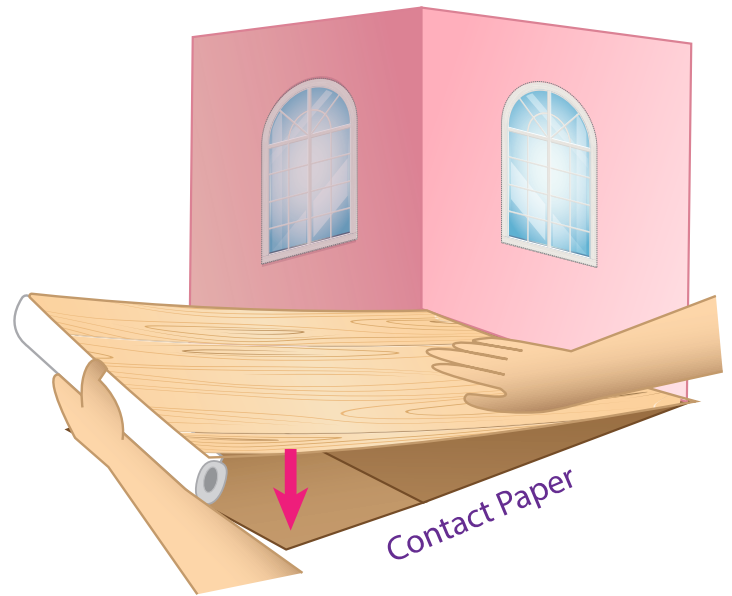


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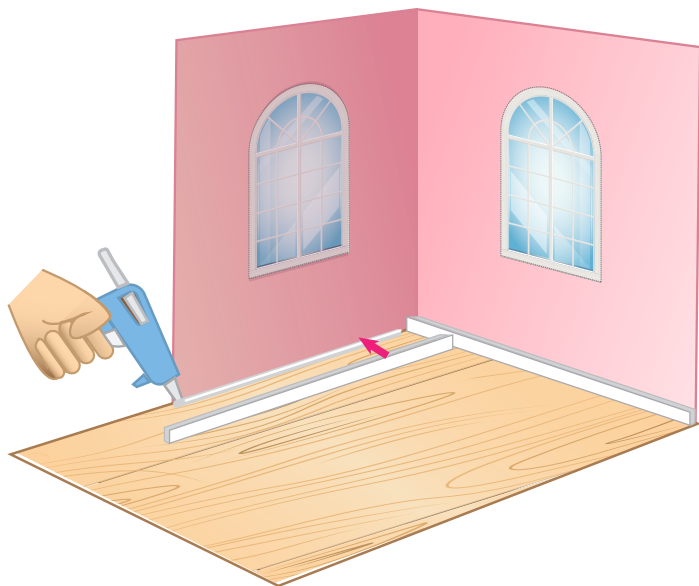
Step 9

If using fabric, hot glue the fabric to the clubhouse floor. Start by applying glue to an edge and pressing the fabric on to it. Repeat for all 4 sides.



Step 10

If using contact paper, carefully peel the lining off the bottom. Press the contact paper firmly on to the floor, smoothing out any air bubbles underneath. If there is excess contact paper, trim it off or fold underneath the clubhouse.



Step 11

Optional: To add baseboards for a cleaner look, cut out 2 strips of foam board as long as your walls and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch tall. Hot glue one strip on the bottom of the wall (where the floor meets the wall). Repeat for the other wall.

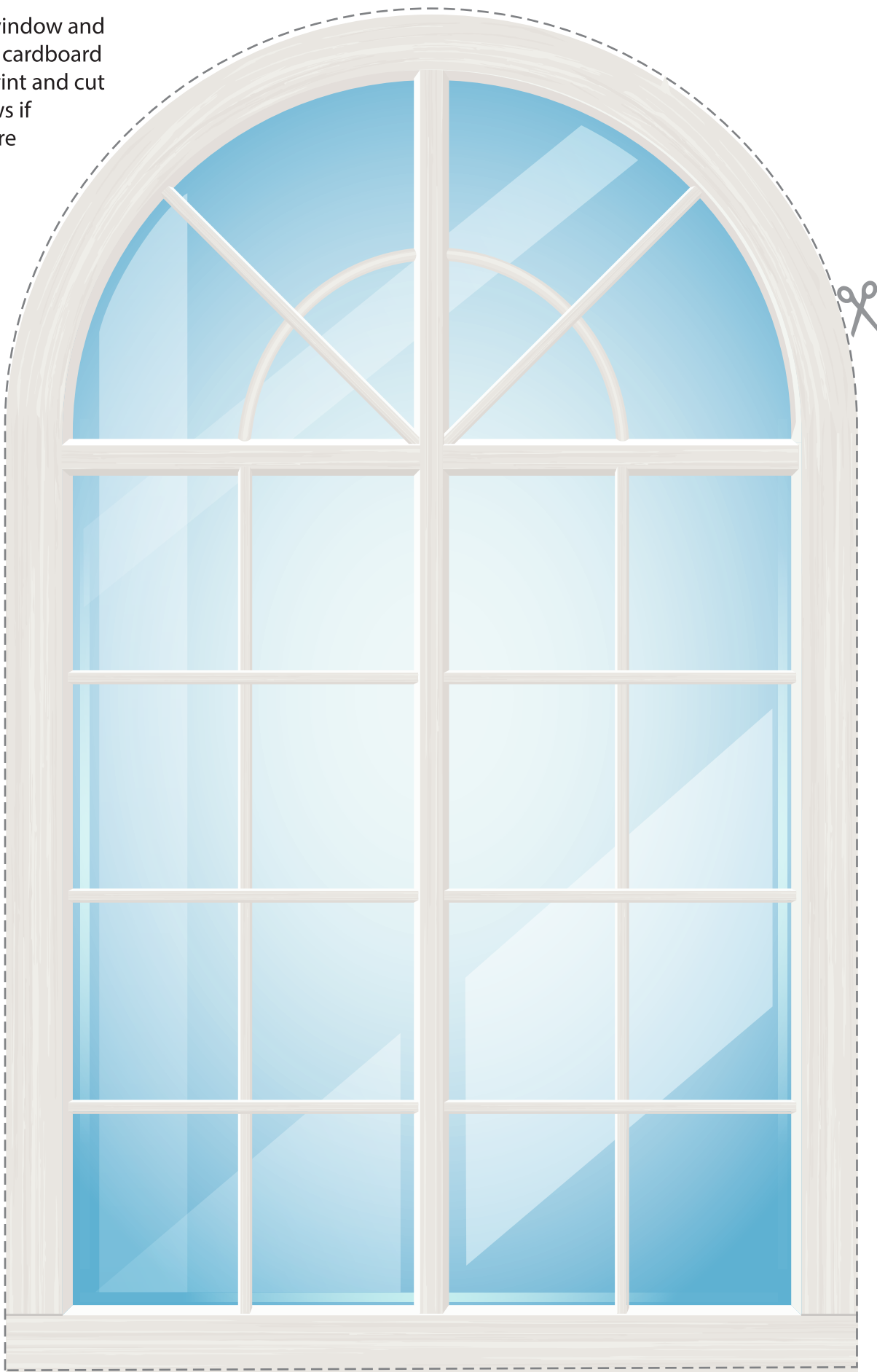


Step 12

Personalize your doll clubhouse by adding pictures on the wall, stickers, doll furniture, any anything else you may like!

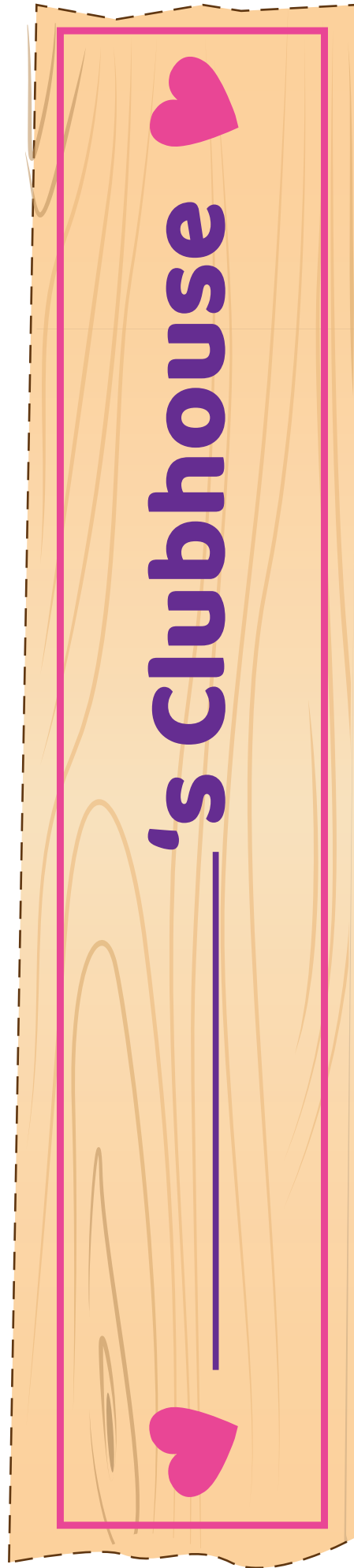
Clubhouse window

Cut out the window and paste to your cardboard clubhouse. Print and cut more windows if you want more than one.



Clubhouse Sign

Write your doll's name on the blank and cut out the sign. Paste the sign wherever you would like on the clubhouse.



Clubhouse window with flower box

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