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Birdhouse Project

This sweet birdhouse would make such a pleasant aviary, but it's also ideal as a darling home décor piece or spot for mini handmade books and more! Plan to assemble in two days, allowing the project to dry overnight.

Kit Ingredients

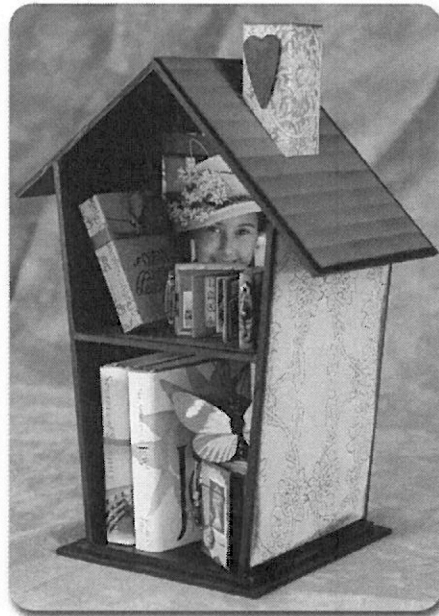
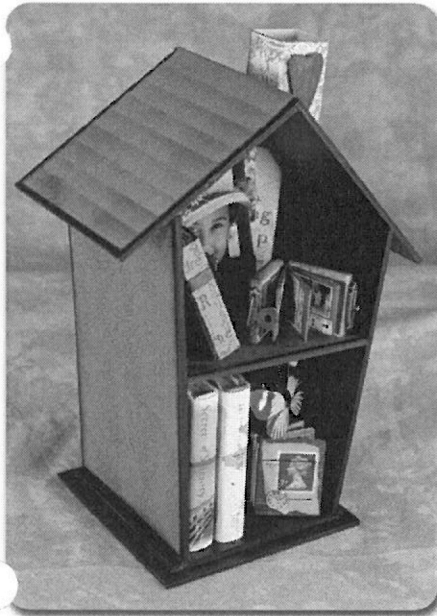
Book Board: (3) 4x4 Base; Shelf and Roof ; 4½x4½ Base; 4x7 Wall; 4x6 Wall; 4x4¾ Roof
Paper: 8½x3¾ Green Roof; 3¾x6¾ Tomato Plain Side Wall; 3¾x5¾ Yellow Plain Wall;
3¾x3¾ Blue Shelf; 4¾x3 Yellow Chimney; 1" Rusted Tin Heart

Other Supplies

CS® Bookbinding Glue; (2) Foam Brushes; Score-it Board; CS® Grid Ruler; Acrylic Paint;
Pencil; Craft Knife; Cutting Mat; Foam Mounting Squares

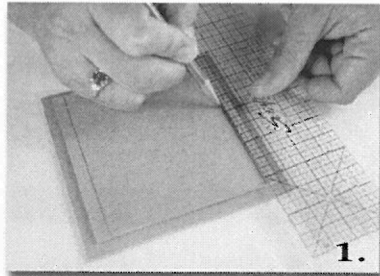
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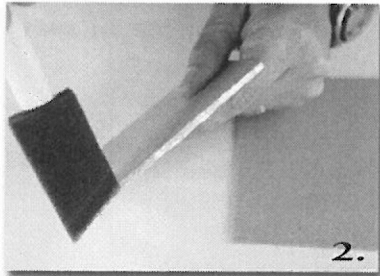
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Project Assembly



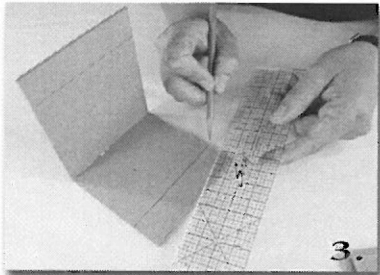
Step One

Measure, identify and label the book board pieces according to the kit ingredients list. Glue the 4x4 Base to the center of the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Base. Using a grid ruler and pencil, draw a guideline $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the left and right edges of the 4x4 Base.



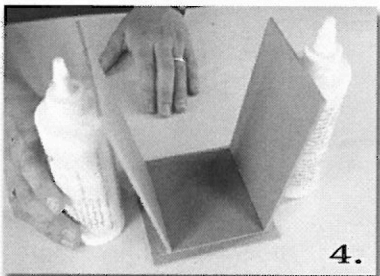
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Squeeze a thin bead line of glue onto one outer edge of the 4x4 Roof. Remove excess glue with a foam brush.



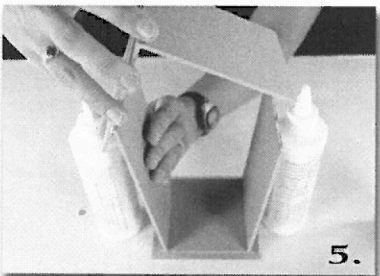
Step Three

Rest the glued edge onto the 4x4 $\frac{3}{4}$ Roof to form a 90° angle with edges flush. Use the ruler and pencil to mark a guideline 1" from each outside edge of the roof, as shown.



Step Four

Apply glue to the edges of the 4x7 and 4x6 Walls and attach to the base, positioned along the pencil guidelines. Allow the walls to tip slightly outward and rest them against a heavy object placed on each side for support.



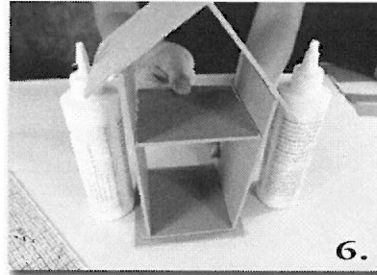
Step Five

Place a bead line of glue onto the pencil guidelines on the roof, and brush glue onto the top of the wall pieces. Place the roof onto the walls, aligning the walls with the guidelines and adjusting the wall angles as needed. *Note: You may need three hands for this.*

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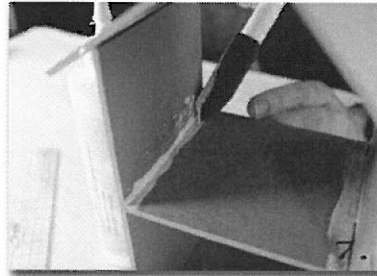
Step Six

Apply glue to the left and right edges of the 4x4 Shelf, and "drop" the shelf between the walls, allowing the shelf to rest at its natural height. Be sure that the shelf is level with the base.



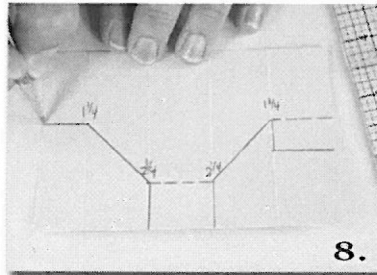
Step Seven

Add glue to all joints to increase the bond, as needed. Allow the structure to dry overnight.



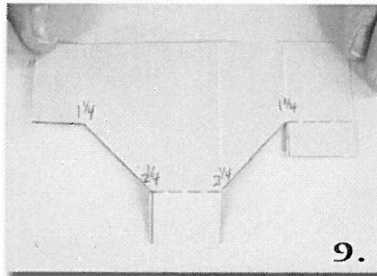
Step Eight

Place the 4³/₄x3 Yellow Chimney horizontally into the Scor-it Board. Score at ³/₄, 1¹/₄, 2³/₄ and 3³/₄". On the first and fourth score lines, measure and mark 1¹/₄" from the top edge. Measure and mark 2¹/₄" from the top edge of the third and fourth score lines. Connect the marked lines to create the chimney angles and mounting tabs. Add a ¹/₂" tab to the fourth scored area, as shown.



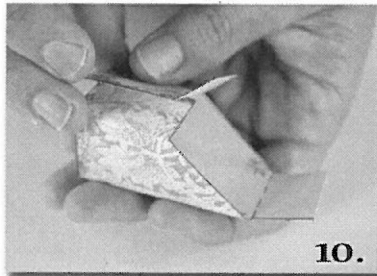
Step Nine

Cut along the solid lines, and score along the dotted lines.

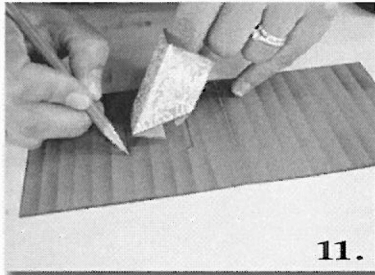


Step Ten

Decorate the chimney paper with stamped images, if desired, and fold along all score lines. Brush glue onto the front of the ³/₄" tab and secure to form the chimney.

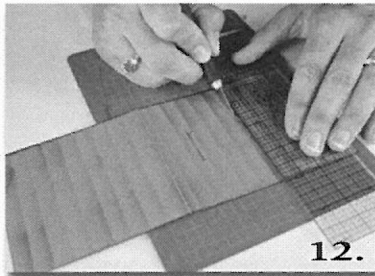


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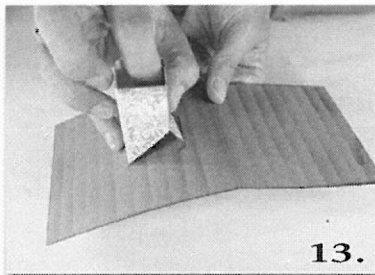
Step Eleven

Place the $8\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$ Green Roof horizontally into the Scor-it Board; score at 4". Decorate as desired. **Note:** We added faux shingles by inking off the edge of a straight mask. Position the chimney onto the longest side of the roof paper and angled as shown; trace around the left and right edges of the chimney with a pencil.



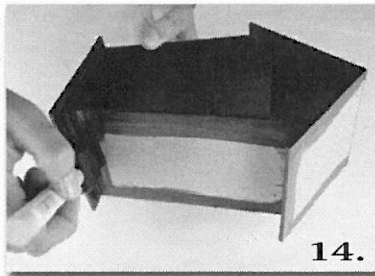
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Use a ruler, craft knife and cutting mat to cut slots along the traced lines to accommodate the chimney tabs.



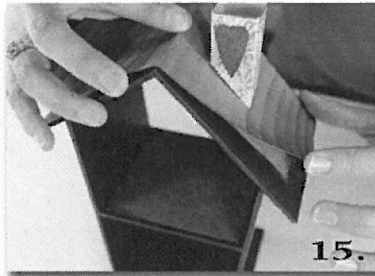
Step Thirteen

Insert the tabs into the slots.



Step Fourteen

Paint all surfaces and edges of the birdhouse with acrylic paint and a foam brush. No paint is needed on the outside rooftop, shelf top, and outside walls. (Paint at least $\frac{1}{8}$ " of those surfaces.)



Step Fifteen

Glue the walls, shelf and roof papers to the structure. Add the rusted tin heart to the chimney with foam mounting squares.