How to...

Make Christmas houses

What you need

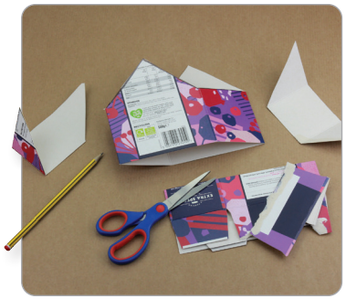
- Small cardboard boxes or cartons
- A pencil
- Scissors
- Magazines
- Glue
- A ruler

Make a Christmas scene with houses built from recycled cardboard boxes, cartons and magazines.

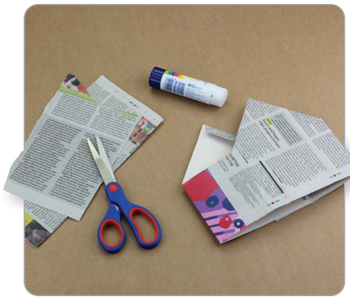
Timing: 1.5 hours

TOP TIPS

- Boxes from biscuits, tea and cereals and crackers are all good for making houses of different sizes. Bigger boxes can be cut down in size.
- Try making houses from juice and milk cartons. Remove the cap and carefully cut off the plastic spout. The sloping top can be used as part of the roof shape.

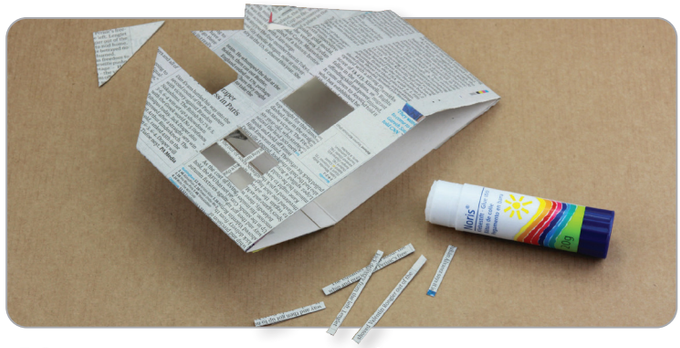


1 Flatten a small cardboard box. To make the house shape, draw matching triangles on facing sides of the box for the roof. Cut out the roof shape on both sides and across the sides of the box.

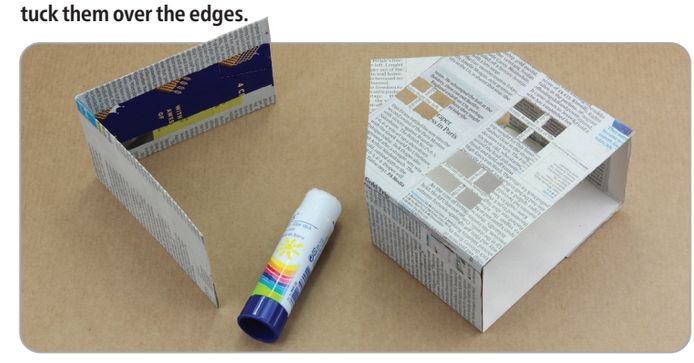


2 Cut some magazine pieces to cover the box. Glue the magazine then press it smoothly around the corners and sides of the box. Trim off the magazine ends or tuck them over the edges.

3 Cut thin rectangular holes for the windows. It's easiest to cut up from the bottom of the house – and down from the top if you want upstairs windows.



4 Stick card strips covered in magazines below or above or the window holes. Glue thin strips across the windows, sticking from inside the house.



5 Measure the top of the house, cut a piece of card for the roof then glue magazines over the top. Trim or fold the magazines around the edges. Fold the roof in half then glue it to the house. ***TIP: Light up the houses with LED tea lights or mini fairy lights.***