

# DECORATING ArtHouse!

## Ideas For Home-Made Wall Decorations

### Create Your Own Designs!

Making ArtHouse decorations is fun, cost-effective and easy because it's a paper hobby! Using familiar tools, techniques and materials, you can change the appearance of ArtHouse all at once or let the design evolve over time.

The walls of a room don't necessarily have to match to look great. In fact, it's especially fun to share the decorating activity with family or friends.



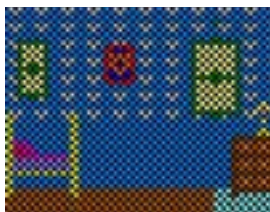
Hand Drawn



Crayons & Coloring Book



Photo of Grandma's Dollhouse



Computer Drawn & Printed



Picture Traced From a Book & Painted Over



Paperdolls / Collage



Paper & Stickers from a Scrapbook Store



Visit your local scrapbook store for ideas and supplies. In the example shown here:

- The "kids" are stickers
- The wallpaper was "rubber stamped"
- Die-cut flowers hold the curtains up
- Some details were drawn in, and the background was painted with watercolors



Scaling and combining images from different sources is easy and fun with a computer, scanner & inkjet printer!

- Stack many layers of paper into a collage
- Put yourself, family & friends into the scene
- Include characters cut from magazines
- Copy images from the internet
- Use dollhouse wallpaper as a backdrop

See our on-line Gallery at [www.storyboardtoys.com](http://www.storyboardtoys.com) for more ideas and examples...



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## Your Customizable Toy Building

### Using Décor Kits

ArtHouse comes with two very basic Décor Kits to help you get started: a Firehouse and a Country Cottage. Here are just a few ideas on how to use them:

- Select full-color illustrations from the kits, and play right away!
- Choose Coloring-book pages from the Firehouse Kit, color them yourself, and start replacing pre-colored walls with your own art!
- You can layer more than two pieces of paper in the walls. Cut a “window” in one illustration, and put another scene behind it. The firehouse has pages that were designed to be used this way.
- The Cottage Kit has pages of furniture and toys ready to cut out and place around the house. If your furniture slides around too much, try placing a scrap of felt on the back of the cutout.

### Accessory Décor Kits

Each kit features an exciting and unique theme, such as a Horse Barn, a Viking Longhouse, and a Traditional Japanese Home. The accessory kits include pre-printed decorations, art activities, and educational materials.

### Using Wall Panels

1. Install each wall panel by first inserting into a floor slot, then pivoting upward until vertical. The roof is designed to sit low over the walls, so it's best to pivot the wall from the interior side.
2. The walls will accept multiple layers of paper, but for them to latch shut completely the paper must be centered and clear of the hinge, latching tabs, and “zipper” side closures. Note that it's easiest to load decorations when they and the wall are held horizontally.
3. Refer to the Viking illustration that came installed with one of your wall panels. We suggest practicing with this wall, using the 1-2-3 sequence for both opening and closing.

**Wall panels open and close so you can redecorate over and over!**

