

# Design a Dolls House

## What will I need?

- A cardboard box
- Coloured paper
- Glue or double sided tape
- Sellotape or glue
- Colouring pens, pencils or paint
- Tin foil (optional)

## Why not?

Try and recreate a room from your own home or perhaps a gallery from your favourite museum?

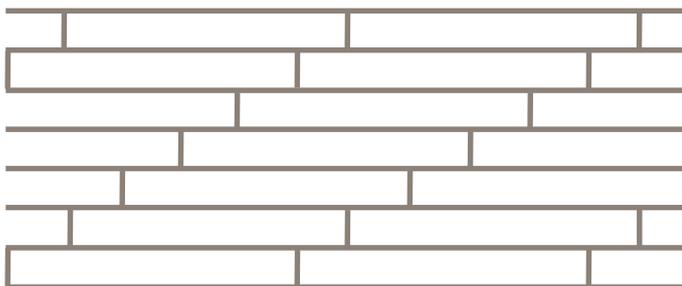
## What do I do?

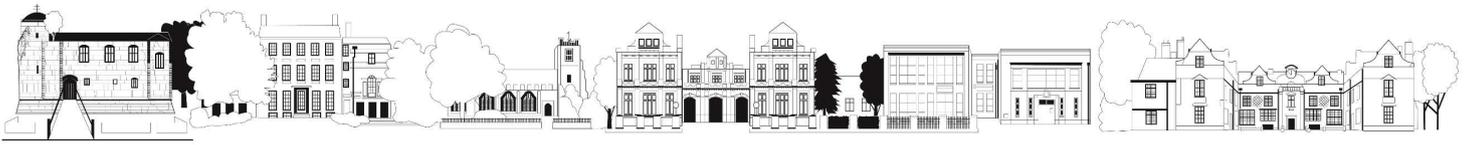
1. Cut your box so you have two sides and a base. Don't throw away the rest of the card, as you'll need it later.



2. Cut your coloured paper so it's the same size as the walls and stick it to the inside of your box. You could always try [printing your own wall paper](#).

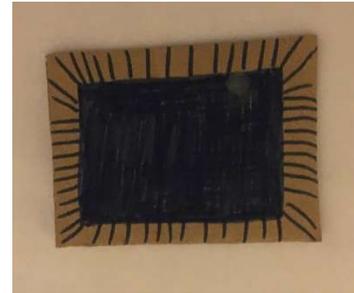
You could cover the floor in a different colour paper to make it look like carpet, or draw a pattern like the one below to create floorboards:





- Using the rest of the cardboard box, you can create a variety of objects to furnish the room:

To make a rug, cut out a large rectangle and draw a slightly smaller one in the middle. Colour in the middle rectangle and draw lines around the outside.



To make the pictures, cut out small squares of card. Colour in the edge to make the frame, then fill the blank square with your picture. A mirror can be made in a similar way, but instead of drawing a picture, stick a piece of tin foil in the centre.



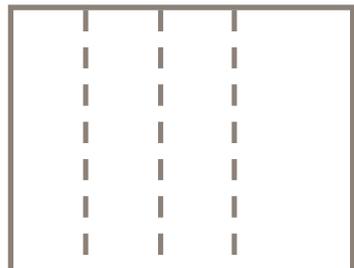
For lamps, draw, colour and cut out shapes like these from your cardboard.

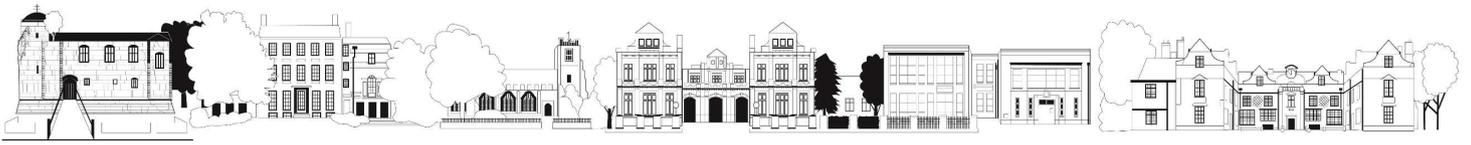


To make a settee, fold a rectangle of card into four and secure at the back with tape or glue. You may want to colour the furniture before you stick it together. Chairs are made in the same way, but by using smaller pieces of card.



You can create extra cushions from small squares of card.

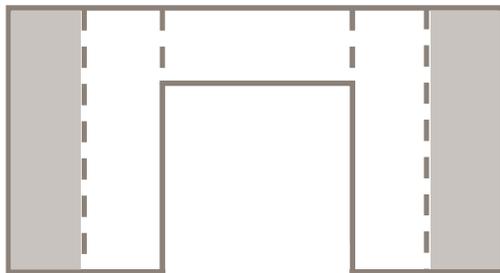




To make a table, cut out the shape below, colour it in, then bend the legs into a standing position. You could always create some cardboard dinner plates and even tin foil cutlery.



To make a fireplace, cut out the shape below and colour in the white areas. Bend where the dotted lines are and put glue or double sided tape on the grey areas. You can then stick the fireplace to the wall and secure the top.



You can add lots of smaller items to your Dolls house, such as clocks, flower vases, even pets!





4. Don't forget to take a photo of your creation and share it on social media, tagging Ipswich Museums on facebook or Twitter.

