

Treehouse workshop by Gwen Ramsey



Richard Woods, *Holiday Home*

Artist Richard Woods made these amazing identical (except for their colours!) wooden houses and placed them around the town to explore the idea of 'holiday homes'. Holiday homes are what some people own in addition to their normal home, and use for holidays, particularly in the summertime. Folkestone is a popular destination for holiday homes.

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Materials

- Paper
- Strong cardboard
- Felt tips or pencils
- Collage materials, e.g. coloured or patterned paper, magazines or old books
- Bamboo canes or toilet-roll tubes
- Coloured & white card
- Match sticks
- Glue (& a glue gun if you have one!)
- Scissors
- Tape
- Washi tape
- If you have a printer at home, search for & print out a paper house template (don't worry if you don't all you'll need is your imagination!)

Get making

- 1) Start off by talking about what your maker's dream home would look like. Where would it be? What would it be made of? What would be in it?
- 2) Now it's time to turn that dream home into a dream treehouse! Grab some drawing materials for your maker to draw their ultimate treehouse.
- 3) Time to get structural! Make a base using some strong cardboard and bamboo sticks or toilet-roll tubes – this will form the platform for the treehouse. If you have a glue gun, now's the time to use it – if not, sticky tape will do just fine.



- 4) Next, create the house! If you have a printer, search for paper house templates online and print one off. If you don't, get creative and play around with paper and cardboard structures to help your maker create their treehouse.



- 5) When everything is dry and your maker is happy with their creation, ask them more about their dream treehouse. How do you get to the front door? What's inside? Who lives there?
- 6) Want to take it a step further? Together, you could create an entire town! How would all the treehouses connect? What else would you need in your town?



- 7) You could even create grounds, backdrops or skies for your treehouse or town.
- 8) If you have leftover card, populate your town by drawing characters and cutting them out, leaving a tap under their feet to fold back so they can stand up.
- 9) Once your treehouse or treehouse town is complete, play around with the layout.
- 10) If your maker also enjoys making up stories, perhaps they could use their creation to write their own story, or you can create one out loud together!

We'd love to see what you've created! Share your photos and videos with us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook @creativestone