

London Townhouse

1/4" Scale Dollhouse kit



Before you begin anything, I highly recommend that you dry fit the main pieces and read the instructions through so that you have an idea of how everything fits together. This will make it much easier in the long run, trust me. The house is designed to be constructed in layers to make it easier to install wallpaper and finishing touches like base boards.

If you have ANY questions, please email me at
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If possible include photos to make it easier to understand what you are asking.

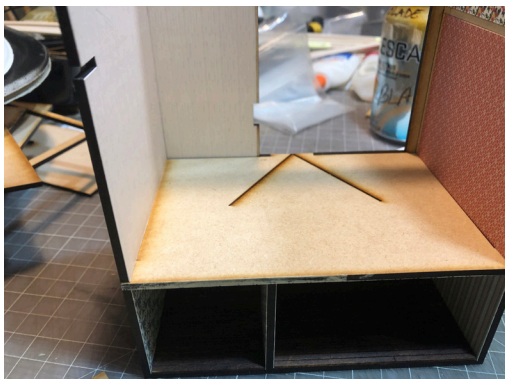


1. If you wish to wallpaper as you go along, you can use the slots in the front of the side pieces as a guide for room/floor separation. Stain and top coat all your flooring pieces now so that they will be ready to glue in as you complete each floor. Paint or stain and top coat your door frames, stair railings and stair treads now as well.

2. Glue side pieces to back piece. You want to make sure the large hole in the back piece is on your right when looking in. Glue the bottom floor piece in. Glue in the dividing wall for the bottom floor.

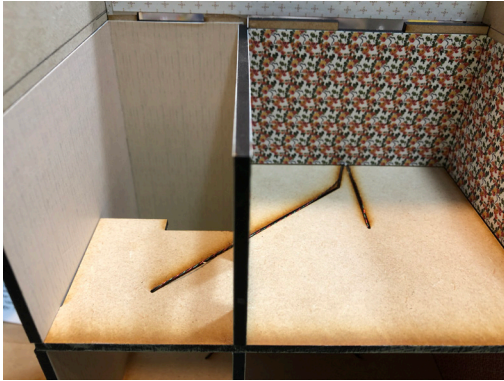
3. Go ahead and glue your flooring pieces in. Add any baseboards you want and glue in the door frames. Do any touch ups you feel needed at this time.

4. Paint the smooth side of the piece marked Basement Ceiling. When dry, slide in the ceiling and glue into place. The engraved grooves will face up. These grooves are for running your wiring if you choose to light the dollhouse. If wiring, run your wires for the basement floor now. I glue them in the slots using white glue and then also use masking tape on top of that. Leave the wires hanging out the back for now.

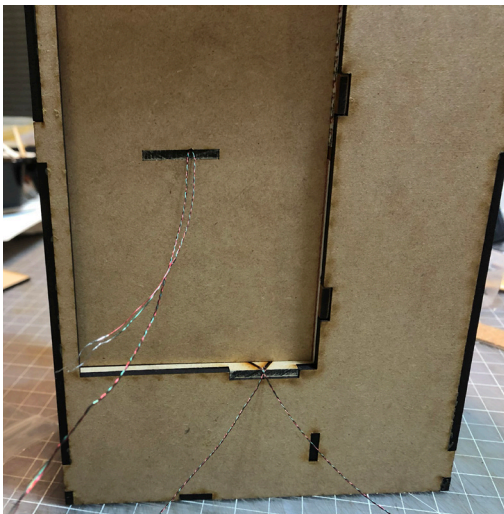




5. Paint the smooth side of the 1st Floor Ceiling. When dry slide the piece marked Stairway Wall through the 1st Floor Ceiling (grooves facing up) and glue in place being careful not to get glue in the grooves for your wiring. Run your wiring through the grooves like you did for the basement level. Glue on the piece marked back wall to the back, making sure it is square/straight and threading your wires through the slot. Leave wires hanging out the back for now.



6. Glue the Stair pieces to the pieces marked Stair Spacer. You will need two spacers for the bottom section of stairs and one spacer for the other section. Glue the piece labeled Stair Landing to the bottom section so that it is flush with the back and the side without the door cut out. Glue the second section to the bottom section so that it is flush with the front of the landing and with the other edge. Glue your the pieces from the packaged marked Stair Risers in place. Glue on your door frame. Paint this assembly. Glue the door pieces together and paint or stain. Glue door into place. Glue on the Pieces marked Treads so that they are flushed with the edges that go against the wall. There should be a slight overhang on the other edge.

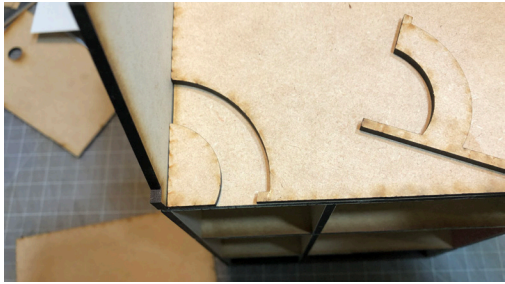


7. Glue the stairs in place making sure to slide the stairs all the way back in the space. Glue down the flooring on both levels. Glue the stair railings in place. Glue in your door trim and base boards.





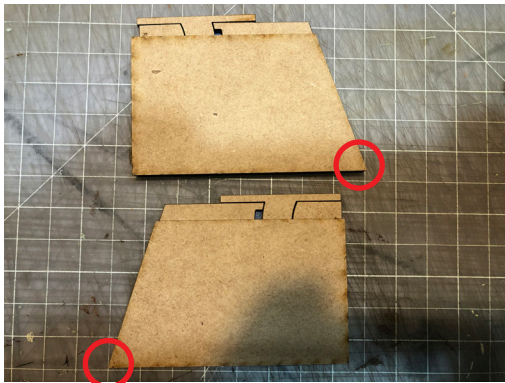
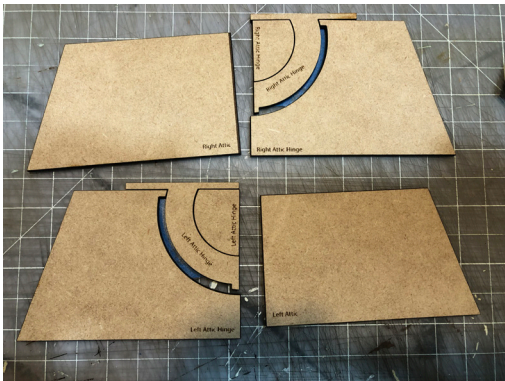
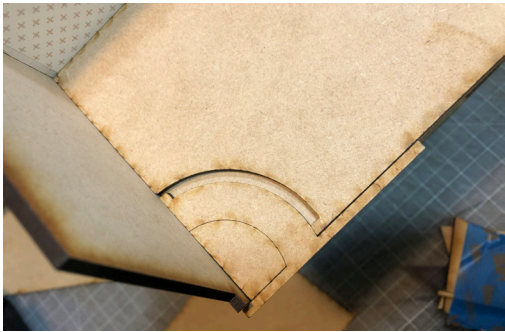
8. Paint the smooth side of the Second Floor Ceiling. When dry glue into place. Run your wiring and leave it hanging out the back as before.



9. Find the three pieces marked Top Front Hinge. Glue the large piece and the small corner piece down using the funny curved piece for space and placement. You want the curved bit to be on the left.

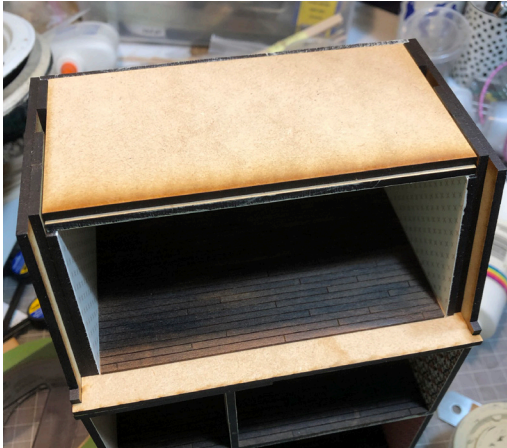
10. Glue in the Attic Floor piece on top of the hinge. Be sure not to get any glue on the arm part of the hinge. It needs to be able to move freely.

11. Take the pieces marked Right and Left Attic and Right and Left Attic Hinge. Glue the left pieces together and the right pieces together aligning the bottom angled corners. Again, glue the larger hinge piece and the corner pieces, leaving the curved piece free.





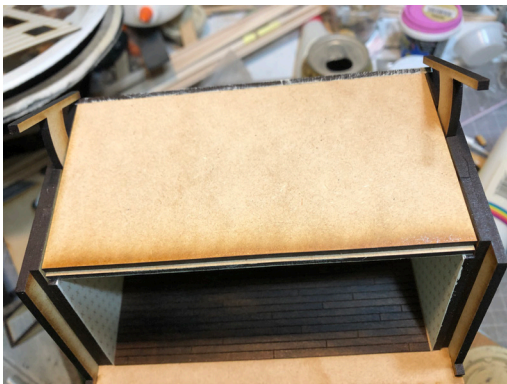
12. Glue these pieces to each side of the attic, flush to the back, so that the hinge pieces are sandwiched in the middle. Be careful not to get any glue on the curved pieces of the hinge. Glue in your flooring for this level.

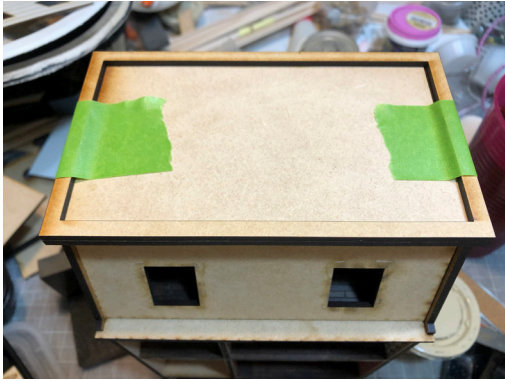


13. Paint the smooth side of the Attic Ceiling piece. Run your wiring and glue in the grooves as you have done previously. Before gluing the ceiling in place, run the wires down the back corner. There is a small gap where the hinge is for this purpose. Thread the wires out through the back opening. Glue the ceiling in place.

14. Glue the piece marked Smooth Ceiling Piece on top of this covering your wires and flush to the back

15. Pull up the roof hinge pieces. Glue the Roof piece onto these. The bars on the hinges will be flush with the Roof piece. When this is dry glue the Roof Trim Piece on top.





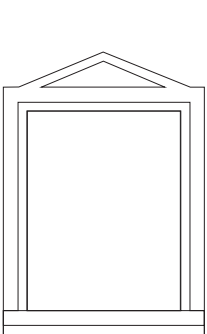
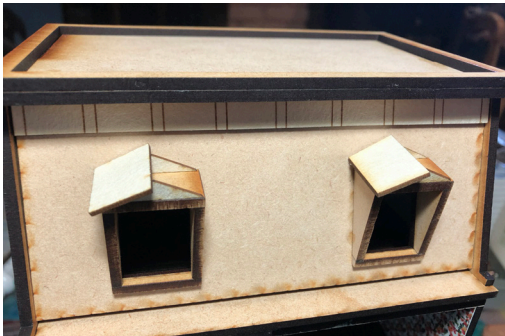
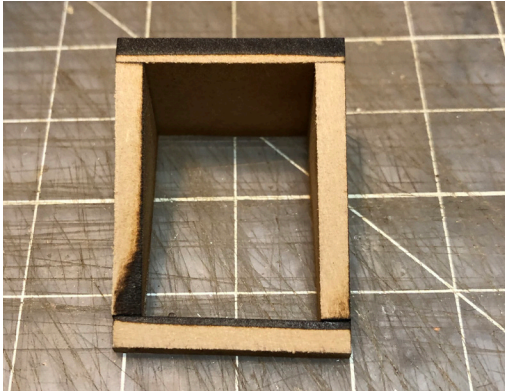
16. Glue the top edge of the Front Roof piece to the roof. This will sit against the sandwiched side pieces but not glue to them.

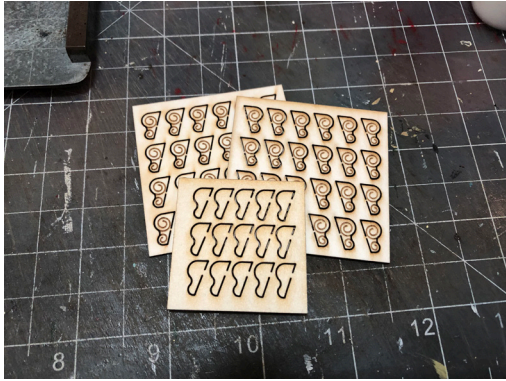
17. Glue the dormers pieces together. The straight pieces glue to the ends of the triangular pieces. These should be flush on the flat side of the triangular pieces. When dry sand the angled side flat.

18. Glue the windows in place. The angled side glues to the front roof. Glue the little triangular paperboard pieces to the top of the windows, One flush with the front the other at the back. These will be the support for the dormer roof.

19. Glue the exterior window trim on the dormers.

20. Glue the etched paperboard strip across the top of the front roof, just under the roof.





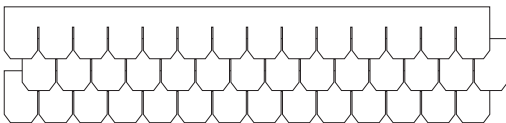
21. Assemble the corbels for the roof line. Sandwich a 1/16" piece between two 1/32" pieces flush on the back and top with the swirls on the outside. You will need ten of these.

22. Glue the corbels in the spaces marked on the strip along the top of the front roof. At this point, I would go ahead and paint the roof trim and the sides of the dormers just because if you mess up any it will be covered by the shingles.

23. Starting at the bottom of the Front Roof, glue on the shingles in the pattern shown on the left. Align each row with the top of the cut out between the shingles below. You can leave the shingles brown or paint them. I you paint them I suggest painting the base coat on all the roofing pieces before cutting them from the sheet.



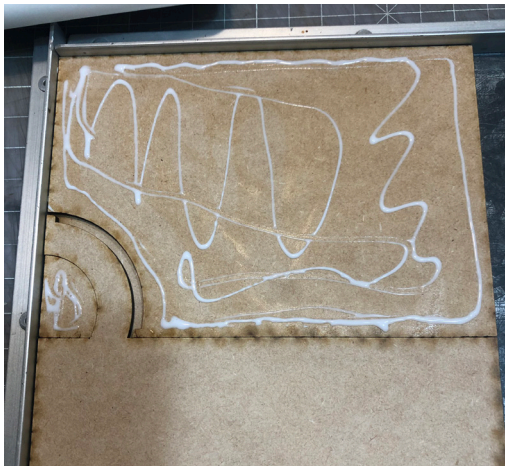
24. Glue the roof on the dormers. The smaller pieces glue on first. After gluing the larger roof pieces on, paint the underside and edges of the roof. Glue on the roofing pieces. Glue the rectangle roofing piece to the top of the house.

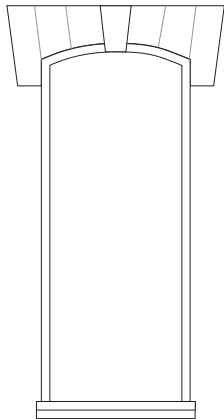
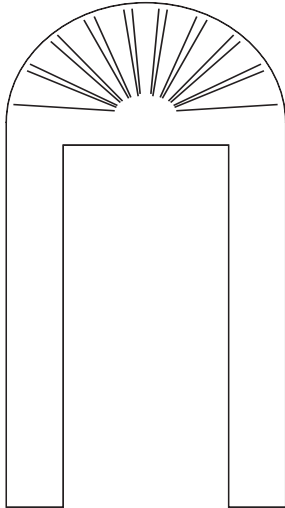




25. Glue the pieces marked bottom front hinge to the base. DO NOT GLUE the part that has the curved arm. Only use it for spacing to glue the larger piece and the corner piece. You want the curved bit positioned like in the photo on the left. You want the piece with the arm to be able to move freely.

26. Glue your house to the base, flush to the back, with the front facing you, being careful not to get glue on the part with the arm. Let dry well before continuing. 25. Glue the front of the house to the free moving piece on the base, flush to the edge. Glue the bar part of the upper hinge piece into the notched area on the top of the front piece. Allow this to dry really well before messing around with it.





27. Glue the paperboard piece to the front aligning the doorway and windows.

28. Paint one side of all your paperboard window pieces and the door trim pieces

29. Before removing the paper on the Plexiglas door piece, paint the engraved bits black. The paper acts as a stencil and keeps your lines neat.

30. Remove the paper from the Plexiglas window pieces and sandwich them between the corresponding paperboard window pieces. Be careful about using super glue for this because it will cause the plexi to fog up. I use either Ultimate Glue or G-S Hypo Cement for this. I've been known to use plain white glue like Elmer's or Tacky but these don't stick as well to the plexi. Set aside to dry.

31. Glue the exterior window trim onto the front of the house

32. Glue one leaf engraved piece across the front of the attic area just above the front opening. Glue the other leaf piece across the top front of your roof.



33. Assemble the front stairs. Each side consists of two pieces. These pieces will be flush on the bottom and back edges. Use the two Front Step Spacers between these two bits you just glued together along the bottom and the Front Landing will glue in sitting on the top of the top step.

34. Glue together the steps leading down to the basement door. You will use two of the Stair Spacers (one for the bottom, one for the back) between the two stepped pieces.

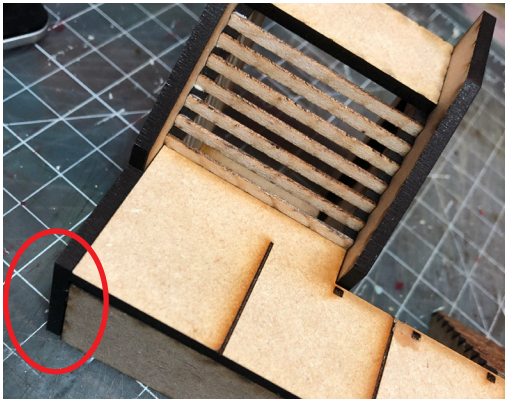
35. Glue the Front Piece to the front of the front steps. This will fit in the inset on the left side of the steps and across the right side.

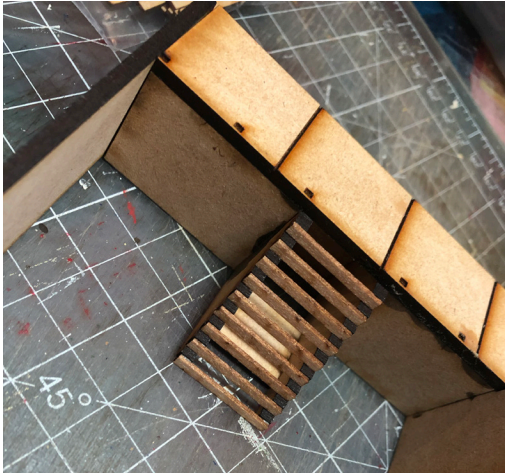
36. Glue on the sidewalk piece. This will also fit in the inset on the steps and on top the Front Piece, flush at the front.

37. Flip this assembly onto its front. Take on of the smaller Base pieces and glue it flat to the Front Piece, flush up against the stairs.

38. Glue the smaller basement stairs to the Front Piece and against the Base piece. Glue the other smaller Base piece between the two stairs assemblies, under the sidewalk piece and flush to the back edge. Glue one of the larger Base pieces on the other side of the basement stairs, flush to the back edge.

39. Glue the riser pieces to both sets of stairs. Glue the tread pieces to both sets of stairs.





40. Glue the Garden Side piece to the edge of the sidewalk, flush with the front.

41. Glue the exterior door trim to the basement door opening. It would be easier to paint this section before you glue it down.

420. Glue together the two door pieces with the small window, back to back. Glue the small exterior trim pieces around the window opening. Paint the door. Insert the tiny window piece in the opening. Glue the door in place.

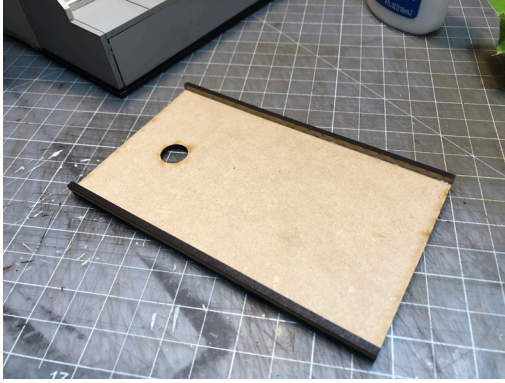
43. Paint the exterior of the house. Insert the windows so that they are flush with the back side of the front piece.

44. Glue the two front door pieces back to back. Paint and when the paint is dry glue it in to the opening of the door glass piece. Glue this into the door opening, also flush with the back side. Glue the door exterior trim on. There is a spacer included in case you need it for the exterior trim. It will go behind the exterior piece.

45. Glue the stair/sidewalk piece to the base and front of the house.

46. Paint the Plexiglas railing pieces. Glue the smaller pieces into the notches on the sidewalk and the longer piece along the edge of the garden.





47. Glue the two long skinny strips to the back sides of the rectangular piece with the hole. This will be the cover for your electrical. *(Your skinny pieces will be thicker than pictured. I realized when I was making the prototype that the opening wasn't deep enough to accommodate a button battery and switch.)*

48. Connect your wiring. All the red wires get connected to the red wire on the switch. Cover with a shrink tube. All the green wires get connected to the black wire on the switch. Cover with a shrink tube. You can glue the battery pack and switch to the house. Cover with the cover.

49. Take care of any touch ups and you are done. Have fun furnishing!



If the front gets stuck when you open it, just gently wiggle the arms of the hinges a bit. DON'T force it. It will break if handled too roughly.