Paper Toys

House “How To” Instructions
With this series of booklets on Bible houses, you will be able to assemble a small town. By printing several copies of some of the buildings, you will be able to create a variety of houses.

- House 1: house
- House 2: house with a sheep pen
- House 3: house with laundry line and garden
- House 4: small shop
- House 5: the inn, part 1
- House 6: the inn, part 2
- Town Accessories: a series of accessories to use with your town

These houses have been created as an addition to the nativity set. You can also use these buildings for Bible scene displays for teaching and acting out Bible stories.
With these sets you can also create a variety of house designs by moving the different parts around to add diversity. See the photos.

And you can add your own details to your town, using color paper or other items such as dry flowers, small pots, etc. for decorations. Look up ideas in pictures Bible books, or in the library or on the internet.

**How to build a house**

This part will cover the basic instructions on how to assemble the main part of a house.

**A simple way**

Simply cut out the 2 walls and the roof and glue these together. This is the simplest way to assemble a house. You can also use this idea to print several houses on a smaller scale to place in the background to give an effect of depth to your scenery.
A more complex way

With each house set comes an extra page with a door and a window and frames for the door and window.

**Step 1:** Cut out the 2 wall parts wall and score on the dotted lines (this will be more difficult to do later).

**Step 2:** Carefully remove the door and window.

**Step 3:** Assemble the frame together (the door frame comes in 2 parts).

**Step 4:** Glue both frames on the inside of the house, assuring it fits properly around the edge.

**Step 5:** Then turn your wall around and glue the extra door and window over the frames.

**Step 6:** Afterwards, simply fold and assemble the house as shown on the previous page.
You can also try out other ways, such as gluing the different walls on a piece of cardboard or foam board to add extra thickness (you won’t need the frames if you do this). You can have the doors open and close. You can leave one wall (or the top) open in order to place accessories inside the building to act out a certain story. Feel free to try out different ways or techniques, and write me and send some photos if you can and I can share your techniques on my blog for others to try.

Have fun creating your Bible town. Most of the pieces are simple to assemble. Use your imagination to add interesting details to your town.