- Build your houses from 1/4" plywood to your own design
- Decorate with commercial trims or make your own trims
- Add commercial windows and doors on the 1:24 scale or build your own from $1 / 8$ " wood. Garden Towns Doors and Windows patterns sold separately.
- Optional: Add lights, using manufacturer's instructions

Scaled and easy to read patterns and instructions for wood houses. Yard and Garden Buildings Compatible with Garden Railroads or a delight for any child's collection
Overall Dimensions
Basic House Foundation*: 10 " x 15-1/2"
Walls: 1 Story $-5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ high with $10^{\prime \prime}$ roof peak
2 Story -10 " high with 15 " roof peak
*Room addition, porch or chimney will add to foundation

## House Patterns:

Walls, roof, and foundation Accessories Patterns: Room Addition

Porch
Chimney
Dormer

With room addition on side centered porch and centered ground chimney


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With room addition on side, porch to


With room addition on end, rooftop chimney and porch to side


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Please take a few minutes and go over the Steps to Building Your House before you begin.
We hope you enjoy your project!

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Planning the Walls section is to be used as a guide for placement of doors, windows, chimney and room addition.

## Accessories:

A Room Addition or Porch will fit on the End Wall of a 1 or 2 Story House. They will fit on 2
Story Side Walls only. (The roof line is too low on a one story house).
Roof Chimney will fit on any house. Don't place the chimney directly over a door or window. Towards the peak of the roof is the desired area. Ground Chimney can be used on 1 story or 2 story house.
The 2 story chimney is taller. Dimensions are given for the patterns. Be sure and use the appropriate roof half which has the chimney cutout. Use Floor Plan 2 or Floor Plan 4 which has a chimney base.
Dormer can be used on any of the roofs. Doors and Windows
Opening Type Doors - If you use commercially purchased doors, you will have to cut into the house frame. Our illustrations show how to make the opening. The size of the opening will depend upon the doors and windows you purchase and the instructions which come with them.
Non-Opening Doors-Such as Kiva Design Garden Town Doors and Windows, which you build yourself, you can build a simple "box frame" for the house. The window openings will be above the frame and the $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ thick doors will fit into the 1/4" walls.
Keep in mind:
A house should have a a minimum of 2 exits (doors). Door and window openings will need to be at least 1 " from the sides and 1 " from the top of the wall so they don't interfere with the building frame behind the walls.

## Before You Begin

Tools and Supplies -
"Layout"
Record how much 1/4" Plywood you will need to build the house you want.
"Door and Window Requirements"
Record how many you will need. Decide if you want to purchase or build. Record supplies you will need.
"Frame
Record how many feet of 1" Furring Strip you will need.


Optional - Items to consider from the hobby store: Lights - Add Lights according to manufacturers instructions. We suggest that you use screws instead of nails when attaching the roof to allow future access to the wiring and bulb.
You can buy scaled wood shingles for your roof as well as assorted other detailed items. You can make your own signs with help from a stencil or the stick-on letters and numbers available.

## Ready to Build

Determine which patterns you will need:
1- Foundation
2- Side Walls
2- End Walls
2 - Roof Halves
Accessories, as desired
-Cut out all wood, according to Pattern dimensions.

- Mitre the pieces, as indicated on the patterns (see

Before You Begin - Hints and Tips - "Mitering").

- Cut Furring Strips for frame (see Before You Begin Frame).
-Measure and cut out door and window openings from the walls, as needed (see Assembly - Walls).
- Sand off any rough edges.
-Optional: Paint or stain the walls. Dings can be touched up later. You may prefer to do this step after assembly is completed.
-Assemble the Accessories, as per individual instructions.
- Assemble the building (see Assembly - Building).

If you are placing your house outside, be sure to protect it with a good seal of polyurethane or varnish.

Window and Door Placement

-Buildings and porches are constructed from $1 / 4$ " thick plywood
-Framing for the walls is made from 1" Furring strips (nominally $3 / 4$ " thick)


2 STORY
-Garden Town Doors and Windows are made from 1/8" thick Balsa wood or Hardwood and plastic glazing for the window panes
-Windows and doors have to be at least 1 " from sides and top (to clear inside building frame)

- Doors are placed at floorline
-Floorline on 2nd floor will be $5-1 / 8$ " from bottom of wall
-Windows are placed with tops level with doors (some exceptions)

For a few hints to experiment with on the wall finishes, see "Simulated Patterns" in our free Food for Thought brochure.

## Tools Needed for Building

- Saw (for cutting small wood pieces, a jig saw or coping saw)
- Hammer or Stapler or Air Gun
-Drill (optional for pilot holes)
-Clamps
-T-Square
-Level
- Ruler and Pencil (We prefer see-thru rulers with grids for the small pieces)

Plus If you are making Doors \& Windows from Balsa wood
-X-ACTO knife and metal ruler for guide Optional:
-Ruler - the plastic see-thru kind with $1 / 8$ " grid is a plus
-Balsa stripper - This little gizmo is used for making various widths of uniform strips from balsa wood. You can set it to cut small widths, ( $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 4^{\prime \prime}, 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ etc.)It saves a lot of time if you prefer to cut your own strips.
Of course you can buy the strips "ready made" at a higher price.
-Clamps (small) - The X-ACTO clamps for small pieces are very handy.

Supplies Needed - General -5/8" Staples or Brads -1" \#6 Wood Screws, flat head -Small 3/8" - 1/2" wood screws flat head
-2" Finishing Nails
-Wood Glue

- Paint or Stain -

We suggest the water based Acrylic Paints found in a multitude of colors in arts
and crafts stores.
-Sealer -
Water Base Varnish found with the acrylic paints or a sealer such as polyurethane.
-Optional: Caulking for sealing porches, roofs, etc.

| Guide for |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1" x 1" x $8^{\prime}$ |  |  |
| Furring Strips |  |  |
| 1 | $8^{\prime}$ | $96^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 2 | $16^{\prime}$ | $192^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 3 | $24^{\prime}$ | $288^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 4 | $32^{\prime}$ | $384^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 5 | $40^{\prime}$ | $480^{\prime \prime}$ |



## Doors and Windows

Option: You can purchase ready-made doors and windows which actually open. For example, Grandt Line carries a well made and ready to paint plastic selection for Scale 1:24.
or
you can make your own (Garden Towns Doors and Windows Patterns by Kiva Design) These doors and windows are also 1/24 scale,
but are a little larger overall for ease in building. They are non-opening (no hinges).
The following are samples represented for the scaled dimensions.
Buildings are illustrated with the Kiva Design Samples. Neither of the samples are inclusive all all doors and windows available.



Use your choice of Garden Towns doors

## - Clear Plastic for Windows

8" x 10" Sheet
(from hobby shop framing
area)
*Doors and windows shown for the building can be made from the number of boards indicated. However, "we" personally always buy one extra board in the unlikely event that we'll need it to redo our "errors". Left-overs are saved for the next project.

## Assembly Frame for Small Items



1. Using pencil or pen and ruler, draw lines $3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ inside of 2 adjacent sides of the base. The frame will be placed in this area. From those 2 lines, draw lines at 1 " intervals, forming a 1 " grid.

Cut from $1 \times 1$ Framing (nominally 3/4" x 3/4")
2. Nail and glue frame parts $B$ and $C$ in place, as shown, maintaining a square corner.
 inside the frame. The grid will help you keep the pieces straight. You can assemble several "like" pieces at one time.
5. Keep the "push bar" parallel to side C and push it firmly against the assembled parts.
Use anything with weight to hold the push bar in place until parts are dry.
Canned goods you didn't want for dinner work
well.

Trimming 1/8" Balsa wood or hardwood


1. Using ruler and pencil make a line $1 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ from the inside edge to be mitered


2 Stablize the piece to be mitered with a clamp or other means

3. With blade, carefully trim from the top outside to the marked line. Alternately, the piece can planed or sanded.


Trimmed on the inside

## Accessories Only

## 1/4" Plywood




1 Story Ground Chimney 12-3/4' x 10"


Room Addition 15' x 17"

Note for House Layouts on following page:
The space allowed for foundation and additions represents the Basic Foundation and room for Addition placements, according to the floor plans provided.


1 Story Cut from
1/4"
Plywood


## 2 Story Cut from 1/4" Plywood



The Frame You will need to build a frame for which to attach the walls.

If your building will have doors which do not physically open, you can build a simple box for your wall braces. The windows and doors will fit into the walls.


Room Addition

| 4 @ 4-1/4" | $17{ }^{\prime \prime}$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2 @ $5-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{\prime \prime}$ |
| 4 @ $4{ }^{\prime \prime}$ | $16^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Total | $44^{\prime \prime}$ |

Two story houses with a room addition will need 1 extra horizontal brace. -Side wall brace will be the same length as the side wall frame. -End wall brace $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ shorter to fit inside the vertical frames.

Frame Assembly is shown on page 40.
Vertical Braces for:
1 Story Houses and all Room Additions are 4" high. 2 Story Houses are 8-1/2" high.


|  |  | 1' Furring Strips for Framing 2 Story |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 4 @ 9-1/2 | 38" |
| 1' Furring Strips for Framing 1 Story |  | 4 @ 13-1/2" | 54" |
| 4 @ 9-1/2" | 38" | 4 @ 8-1/2" | 34" |
| 4 @ 13-1/2" | 54" | Total for Basic House | $126 "$ |
| 4 @ 4" | $16^{\prime \prime}$ | Addition Total | 44" |
| Total for Basic House | 108" | Brace For Addition |  |
| Addition Total | 44" | 1 @ 13-1/2" | 13-1/2" |
|  | 152" |  | 183-1/2' |

Note: 1" Furring strips are nominally 3/4' square. If yours are different, make adjustments so that they fit in the same area as the assembly diagram indicates on page 40.

| Conversion |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Inches $=$ | Feet |  |
| $122^{\prime \prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ |  |
| $24^{\prime \prime}$ | $2^{\prime}$ |  |
| $36^{\prime \prime}$ | $3^{\prime}$ |  |
| $48^{\prime \prime}$ | $4^{\prime}$ |  |
| $60^{\prime \prime}$ | $5^{\prime}$ |  |
| $72^{\prime \prime}$ | $6^{\prime}$ |  |
| $84^{\prime \prime}$ | $7^{\prime}$ |  |
| $96^{\prime \prime}$ | $8^{\prime}$ |  |
| $108^{\prime \prime}$ | $9^{\prime}$ |  |
| $120^{\prime \prime}$ | $10^{\prime}$ |  |
|  |  |  |
| $132^{\prime \prime}$ | $11^{\prime}$ |  |
| $144^{\prime \prime}$ | $12^{\prime}$ |  |
| $156^{\prime \prime}$ | $13^{\prime}$ |  |
| $168^{\prime \prime}$ | $14^{\prime}$ |  |
| $180^{\prime \prime}$ | $15^{\prime}$ |  |
| $192^{\prime \prime}$ | $16^{\prime}$ |  |
| $204^{\prime \prime}$ | $17^{\prime}$ |  |
| $216^{\prime \prime}$ | $18^{\prime}$ |  |
| $228^{\prime \prime}$ | $1^{\prime}$ |  |
| $240^{\prime \prime}$ | $20^{\prime}$ |  |

## Roofs made from 1/4' plywood



Areas that need to be mitered in order to fit will be designated with this icon on the pattern. The specific mitering angle is noted on the pattern page.
There are two ways to assemble your $45^{\circ}$ roof. Either way will allow the two halves to meet at the top smoothly.

## Method 1 - Miter the Tops

The first and more professional procedure is to miter the top edges of the roof halves on the inside. One way you can do this is to cut out the roof with a jigsaw which has an adjusting base plate. Example:


Both roof halves are each
3 " high x 4" long


Side view
 both halves at the same angle


Roof halves mitered at top now fit together


Top view of mitered

Optional:
As a matter of taste, you may also choose to miter the inside bottom edge of the roof. If you miter the bottom of the house roof, you should also miter all addition roofs you will use with the house.



Side View with Top and bottom edge mitered


Side wall Option
Mitering the side wall will allow the roof to fit better.

Side wall mitered at top on the outside. Miter at same angle as roof


## Method 2 - No Mitering

Add $1 / 4$ " to the height of one roof half only Example


Roof half A is
3" high x 4" long


Roof half B is
3-1/4" high x 4" long



Fit roof halves together

## Roofs made from $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ plywood

Add $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ to the height of one roof half only
No matter what depth of wood you use,
Always add the depth of the wood to one half only

## Chimneys - Rooftop Type

The Back is always towards the peak of the roof and is shorter than the Front to accommodate the slope of the roof.


Illustration to show placement only. Chimney to be completed before attaching to roof.


The Front will be mitered toward the inside. Same as for
Dormer End Wall


Chimney Back
Miter Bottom
At $45^{\circ}$
towards outside
outside

Side View
Chimney Front
or Dormer End wall
Miter Bottom At $45^{\circ}$
towards inside

## Dormers

## Dormer Roofs

Miter in same manner as the main roof so that the tops will fit together smoothly.

If you have also mitered the bottom sides of the main roof, you'll want to miter the bottoms of the addition roof to correspond.

There is one additional step for Dormer Roofs.

In order for the angled edge to fit onto the main roof, miter the inside of the angled edge. Miter all three sides at the same angle.

End wall is handled like chimney front.

Inside view Dormer roof half


Mitered on
top and angled side only


Mitered on top, angled side and bottom.

## Porches

Any porch with an angled roof will need to be mitered in the same manner as Main roofs


Roof halves will be mitered to fit each other at top


2


Use Foundation \# 2 See Planning the Walls for placement details



Back



Use Foundation \# 1 See Planning the Walls for placement details

4 | Foundation \#1 |
| :---: |
| 1 |



Back

Use Foundation \# 2 See Planning the Walls for placement details




## 9



Doors and windows represented on the walls are from Kiva Design Garden Town Doors and Windows. Illustrations are to be used as a guide. If you use different size windows and doors, adjust your placements accordingly. Openings have to be at least 1 " from the sides and 1 " from the tops of the walls. (See Hints and Tips - Construction Scale Information)


Door 2-1/4" x 3-7/8"


Window \# 1 $1-3 / 4$ " x 2-3/4"

## 1-1/2"

Important Note: Spacer measurements shown in the wall illustrations are from a point to window or door frame. They are not the cutting lines for window or door openings. Mark the measurements on your walls. Then use the corresponding window or door templates which will show where to cut the opening. See page 37 for details.

## Room Addition Walls

Window and Door Options


AE-1

One end of the side wall will be attached to the house wall. The other end will be assembled inside the end wall.


## 1 Story <br> 15" Side Walls Door, Window, Room Addition and Chimney Placements



S-15-1


S-15-3



S-15-2



S-15-5
LH Door

## 1 Story End Walls

Door, Window, Room Addition and Chimney Placements



E-1


Door centered without Porch can have top window


Room Addition
Windows can not be effectively used on the house walls. See Room Addition walls for options.


Door to side without Porch


2 Story 15' Side Walls

Door, Window, Room Addition and Chimney Placements


Use Roof Half E-2 for this wall


Use Roof Half E-3 for this wall



2S-15-4

2 Story
15' Side Walls
Door, Window, Room Addition and Chimney Placements



2S-15-6 RH Door


2S-15-6 LH Door


2S-15-8

Wall 2S-15-8
Drill a very small pilot hole through the wall to attach the porch back. Hole will be
placed at
2-3/4" from the side and 4-3/4" above floorline



Ground Level Chimney



Top and
Dowel
Use with all $\stackrel{3 "}{ }$


## Ground Chimney

use with
Top and Dowel

| 1 Story (As Shown) |
| :---: |
| Front and Back |
| $1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ x 12-1/2" |
| H |
| Sides |
| 2 " W x 12-1/2" H |




Note that the Sides are assembled inside of the Front and Back.
This will form a
$1-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ chimney.


Run a bead of wood glue down
the seams and securely nail or staple the chimney to form a box.
Hint: You may want to clamp the wood in place before nailing.

## All Tops <br> 2" X 3"

with $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ diameter x $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ high dowel or metal rod (no hole) painted black.
If building is to be used outside, you won't want rain water to run down a hole into the chimney.

Check to see that the rod will fit. It should be tight. Place a dab of glue inside the rim of the hole and and insert dowel or rod.


Drill a $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ hole in the center of the chimney top.
$3^{\prime \prime}$

The Top will have an overhang of $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ on all sides.



## Assembly Ground Level Chimney

The ground level chimney is assembled exactly the same as the rooftop chimney except there is no mitering.


In order to get the chimney to fit up against the building, you will have to cut out a space on your roof for the chimney to slide into. Cut this notch before assembling the roof. Measure and mark where you want your chimney. This will be in the same position vertically as the foundation addition for the chimney.

The notch will be 2-1/2" wide (width of the chimney) $x 1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ deep (or the depth of the overhang.) You may have to sand a little off to get a snug fit.


The Chimney should be installed against the house before attaching the roof. Use your wood glue and nail or staple chimney in place to the side walls (from inside of house) and the foundation.

Add the roof and attach in place.


## Optional ideas

Experiment with some
scrap pieces before you begin on your chimney.

1. If so inclined, you could use a bit of ready mix concrete (just add water) which is usually used for patching. Rough up the sides and the top of the chimney and cover them with a thin film of the concrete.
You may have to let it dry and go over it a couple of times in thin films to build up the desired layer. The top could be "flat" (no pattern)
You can use an old sponge, brush, towel or whatever to brush the damp concrete for a rough finish or a specific pattern. The concrete can be painted or left natural.

2. Gather up some small stones or pebbles of like sizes and using epoxy, attach them to the chimney sides. Fill in the "gaps" with a thin layer of concrete, let dry for a little bit and brush the residue off the stones before it hardens. Cover the top piece with a layer of the concrete.


## Patterns

## A - 2" Wide x 3" High (center) and 2" High (side)

-Begin with a rectangle 3" High x 2" Wide
-Measure and mark the top center ( 1 " from each side)
-Measure and mark 2" up from the bottom on both sides
-With ruler, draw your lines between the x's. forming the roof line.
-Cut out 1 End Wall
-Cut out window opening prior to assembly (See Dormer Window)



1-3/4"
 will look like this

## B - Dormer Sides

-Begin with a rectangle 1-3/4" High x 1-3/4" Wide -With ruler, draw an angle from the top Left Hand Corner to the bottom Right Hand Corner. -Cut out 2 Side Walls
The two halves will make 2 side walls


Side 1
Measure and mark 2" from RH Bottom towards center. Cut on angle from Top LH Corner to the 2 " Point.
$\qquad$

$2-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$
 from LH Bottom towards center. Cut on angle from Top RH Corner to the $2^{\prime \prime}$ Point.

Side 2
Measure and mark 2"

## Cut 1 Each Side <br> 2-1/2" High x 4" Wide (Angles will be cut as indicated.)

D - Roof for Dormer


2. Note part A (End) is assembled on the outside of part B (Sides). Part C (brace) fits inside the sides Lightly Glue and nail or staple the sides, end and brace together as illustrated

4. Run a bead of Wood Glue along the top inside mitered sides of the dormer roof

## Assembly



Front

have to be cut prior to assembly. It will probably be easier if you also go ahead and install the window, as it should be in place prior to adding the roof.

3. Attach the dormer to the roof of the house, again using a light bead of glue and nails or staples.
Run a bead of glue along the top exposed wood of the dormer, where the roof will fit.
5. Center the dormer roof on to the dormer and securely attach with glue and nails.


Can be used with
1 Story building (end wall only)
or
2 Story building. (any wall).



## Cut from 1/4" Plywood

## 1 Story End Walls



End Wall
-Begin with a rectangle 10-1/2" High x 10" Wide

- Measure and mark the top center
(5" from each side)
-Measure and mark 15-1/2" up from
the bottom on both sides
-With ruler, draw your lines between the x's, forming the roofline
-Cut out two End Walls


Cut-out End Wall will look like this

## 1 Story Side Walls



## Cut from 1/4' Plywood

## 2 Story End Walls



End Wall
-Begin with a rectangle 15" High x 10" Wide

- Measure and mark the top center ( $5^{\prime \prime}$ from each side)
-Measure and mark 10" up from the bottom on both sides
-With ruler, draw your lines between the x 's, forming the roofline.
- Cut out two End Walls


Cut-out End Wall will look like this

## 2 Story Side Walls



## Cut from 1/4" Plywood

Roofs for 1 or 2 Story Houses
15' Sidewalls - Choose 2 Halves, as required

Miter @ $45^{\circ}$
***See Before You Begin - Hints and Tips Two Ways to Assemble $45^{\circ}$ Roofs For non-mitered roof, add $1 / 4$ " to height for one roof half only

Plain Roof Halves
For 1 or 2 Story Side Walls with no ground type chimney

For 1 or 2 Story Side Wall with offset Ground Chimney

Make the notch 2-1/2" wide and $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ deep You may have to trim a bit more when actually fitting the chimney in place. .


For 1 or 2 Story Side Wall with centered Ground Chimney

Make the notch 2-1/2" wide and $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ deep You may have to trim a bit more when actually fitting the chimney in place. .

## Cut from 1/4" Plywood



Room Addition Use with 1 or 2 Story End Wall or 2 Story Side Wall

Room Additions
Side Walls and End Wall


Cut-out End Wall will look like this

End Wall
-Begin with a rectangle $8-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ High x 6 " Wide
-Measure and mark the top center ( 3 " from each side)
-Measure and mark 5-1/2" up from the bottom on both sides
-With ruler, draw your lines between the x's, forming the roofline.
-Cut out 1 End Wall

## Addition Roof



The Foundations INFORMATION FOR ADJUSTMENTS IF REQUIRED
All Additions (chimney, porch, and room) will fit on a 2 Story House.
Because of the roof angle, a Room Addition or a Porch will not fit on a
1 Story House Side Wall. They will fit on an End Wall.
You can leave off any addition to the foundations if you wish to use a basic wall instead of one with an addition .
Use the appropriate measurements which do not include the dimensions for the addition.

The Sample to the right is of Foundation 2, as shown in the patterns.
The Samples below are adjustments to Foundation \#2.
Use the same technique with any of the foundations.
\# 2
With All
Dimensions Shown


## Foundation Patterns

Note:
Side Walls are assembled inside of the End Walls.
Illustration shows wall placement inside the foundation.
Basic Foundation

Foundation \# 1 for $\mathbf{1}$ Story or 2 Story Houses which do not have any additions.

2
For 1 Story House begin with rectangle $11-1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ x 18-3/4" (Leave off
Room Addition Foundation)

For 2 Story House begin with rectangle $16-3 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ x 18-3/4"

For 1 Story House begin with rectangle $11-1 / 2^{\prime \prime} \times 18-3 / 4$ " (Leave off Room Addition Foundation)

For 2 Story House begin with rectangle $16-3 / 4$ " x $18-3 / 4$ "






Decide where you want to place door and windows on the cut-out wall


With pencil and ruler, lightly draw guide lines on the wall.


## Template for Window Opening in Wall

Important: After you cut your template check that your sizes and openings are accurate according to the dimensions noted. Use a ruler to check. You can take a finished window or door and make sure that it physically fits into the template opening.

Using your side guide lines, place the template as follows.

## Ground floor:

Bottom of template will be on bottom of wall 2nd floor
Top of template will be on top of wall
Using template and pencil, mark the window opening on the building. Cut out opening on building.
The opening is now ready for the finished door or window.

Note: Doors and windows should be painted or stained before you actually insert and secure them into the building. Before gluing windows, check to see that they will easily fit the wall openings. Trim openings if necessary.

Walls should be assembled and painted prior to installing doors and windows. See page 44

Place some wood glue on the flat backs of the finished window and door with window. (around the frame) This will adhere to the front of the wall.


Insert the glued window or door with window into the appropriate wall opening. Look at the front side and using a level, make sure the window is straight.
Run a bead of wood glue around the window brace. Allow the glue to dry.

Back View



The following illustrations will show assembly of two $45^{\circ}$ roof houses; a one story and a two story.

The length of the sidewalls doesn't matter.
Instructions apply to both houses unless noted otherwise.
The specific instructions will be in boxes.



Note: 1" Furring strips are nominally 3/4' square. If yours are different, make adjustments so that they fit in the same area as the diagram indicates.

Reminder:
Do not cut openings in bottom frame if using Garden Town or other non-opening doors
2.

Bottom Frame
Refer to the Diagram for Frame Placement
-With ruler and pencil measure and mark 1/4" inside the foundation. (For depth of the walls)
3.

-Lay the Frame pieces out on the foundation and make sure they fit inside the $1 / 4$ " lines.
If you are using opening doors, cut out appropriate spaces wherever you wish to place the doors. - Glue bottom frame in place one piece at a time. Immediately go to step 3A.


## 3 A.

To strengthen the assembly:
-Flip the foundation assembly over to the back.
-Drill small pilot holes through the foundation and the
frame pieces. Insert small flat head wood screws to
hold the frame in place.
Be sure to maintain right angles at corners




Q. Using the same rules as you
used for the house frame,
build up the room addition frame.
(Attach the bottom parts to the
foundation. Then the vertical braces and top frame.)
Glue and nail the frame top to the common wall and top house brace.


1 Story


Start at one end of building and nail or staple walls in place to the frame. Work walls together in a clockwise or counterclockwise direction. Direction doesn't matter. Just fit the adjacent walls and keep going in the same direction.

11.

Continue adding walls until all walls are in
place.
Always nail or staple into the frame.
Check that each wall is sturdily attached and that there are no "floppy" walls.

Install your doors and windows before adding the porch or the roof. See Assembly - Walls

Note:
1 Story house an not have a porch on the side wall because the house roofline is too low. If you install a porch on the end wall, use one of the foundations with porch floor.

Attach in the same manner as the two story illustration.
 Be sure to secure the posts to the foundation. When dry, carefully center and attach the porch roof.
13. Ground Chimney shown on 1 Story House Glue the assembled ground chimney to the chimney foundation and the side of the house. Secure with nails or staples from the inside of the wall.

Note: If you are adding lights to your house, use screws to attach the roof.
This will enable you to have access to the wiring.

2 Story


Rooftop Chimney shown on 2 Story House or window opening.
You can attach the assembled chimney to the roof before or after you attach the roof to the house.
Run a bead of glue on the bottom side of the chimney frame and attach with small nails or staples.
You may want to caulk around the outside bottom of the chimney to ensure a good seal.

as well as the inside tops of the roof halves where they join.

- One at a time, carefully center one roof half in place.

Glue and nail or staple to the building, nailing into the frame.
Match up the second half and secure in the same manner. making certain that the roof tops are lined up.


1 Story
15.


Addition Roof
Run a bead of glue on all exposed areas of the addition where roof will touch.
Also glue the inside top halves of the roof where they will join and the ends which will fit against the house.
Carefully place the one half of the addition roof onto the addition .
Secure with glue. Place the other half of the roof.
Line up the roof lines at the top and overhangs. Make sure there are no gaps between the two roofs. You may have to do a minimal amount of trimming at the overhang to get a smooth finish.
Nail or staple the roof halves in place.
Hint:
If there is a small gap just run some caulking down the "seams".
Then if you paint the roof, paint over the caulking when dry.
If you add wooden or other type shingles, the shingles will
cover the caulking.


1 Story


