

Corona Concepts presents

The Laurel
All Wood Dollhouse



Instructions and Assembly Guides

Introduction

In Short . . .

Welcome to the exciting world of dollhouses and miniatures. Since the first tab and slot die-cut dollhouse kits arrived on the scene in the mid 1970's, their design and styling concepts have evolved swiftly. However, complexity of construction has always accompanied the great design and styling.

*This kit was designed with
efficiency in mind.*

As pioneers in the early days of the die-cut dollhouse industry, the designers for Corona Concepts have utilized a simpler method for building dollhouses. This kit has been designed with efficiency in mind. It has fewer complicated interlocking parts, while retaining the detail and realism necessary in the miniature industry.

We feel you will find that this kit will be an enjoyable and rewarding project. If you are just beginning to discover the wonderful world of miniatures, we hope that the simplicity of this kit will be a pleasant introduction to the craft. If you are an experienced veteran, we hope you will appreciate the simple, straight forward construction and design.

Before beginning assembly, please read through all of the instructions carefully. There are tips and suggestions to aid you in assembly. By becoming familiar with the steps involved and the contents of the kit, the assembly process will become a rewarding experience and the end product will be one you can be justly proud of.

If you should have any questions or comments during the construction of your Buttercup Dollhouse, do not hesitate to call us at (800) 253-7150. We are here to answer all of your questions as well as to hear your comments about our product. Feedback from you, the customer, is our only indication of how we're doing our job.

Have fun and thank you for purchasing our product!

Before You Begin

THIS KIT CONTAINS:

If anything is missing,
contact us at (800) 253-7150!

- ◆ Eleven pre-cut wood sheets
- ◆ One silkscreened plastic window sheet
- ◆ One set of instructions
- ◆ One set of schematic diagrams
- ◆ Shingles

ITEMS YOU NEED TO SUPPLY

Hot melt glue and glue guns
may be found at your local
hardware or craft store!

- ◆ Lead pencil and eraser
- ◆ Emery board
- ◆ Newspapers or other drop cloth
- ◆ Masking tape
- ◆ Extra sandpaper
- ◆ Ruler or other straight edge
- ◆ Wood filler
- ◆ Stiff bristled brush
- ◆ Glue (We recommend that you use a hot melt glue gun and glue sticks. White glue or household glue MUST be used on the plastic windows. You can assemble the house with white or household glue, however items will need to be clamped or otherwise held tight while the glue dries. This slows down overall construction time considerably.)

Tips for Success!

A well lit work area will
work best!

1. Save the kit box as a safe "nest " for the wood sheets until all the parts have been removed from them. Also the photos on the outside of the box may be useful as a reference tool.
2. Set your work area up on a large flat surface with all of your supplies at hand. Consider an area that does not have to be "cleared" every day. Your project will take some time and if assemblies can remain in place until the paint or glue dries, it will be to your advantage.
3. Follow the instructions in order! Do NOT jump ahead or reverse the order of assembly.
4. Only remove parts from the pre-cut wood sheets as they are called for in the instructions. If there are parts that for any reason are removed from the sheet but not called for yet, write the sheet number on the cut out and re-file or tape the piece to the rest of that sheet.
5. When removing pieces from the pre-cut sheets, do so with extreme care. Some of these items are very detailed and somewhat fragile.
6. The schematic diagrams are labeled with the sheet number, part's names, part's orientation (i.e., left, right, interior, exterior, etc.), and where the tabs and slots fit (i.e., "front tabs" fit in piece labeled "front"). It is helpful to write in pencil, this information on the pieces before removing them from the sheets. All markings can easily be erased later.

Don't glue anywhere except as specifically noted.

7. The instructions contain some abbreviations and terms which you will need to become familiar with:

- ♦ **R&P** - (Remove & Prepare) This means to remove the specified part from the sheet by carefully punching the piece out from the front to the back of the sheet. Prepare the piece by carefully sanding any rough edges and painting, staining, or otherwise decorating as desired.
- ♦ **(#)** - Numbers in parenthesis, i.e. (8), refers to the sheet number the piece required can be located on.
- ♦ **(G)** - (Glue) This means that you may go ahead and glue the piece or pieces in place.
- ♦ **Face Up** - means laying the item down with the smooth side up.
- ♦ **Face Down** - means laying the item down with the smooth side down.
- ♦ **Front** - the front of any sheet is that side which is smooth and the die cut lines are clearly visible.

8. Always "dry fit" parts before gluing.

9. Paint or stain all window sashes and casings where plastic window will be glued BEFORE gluing on the plastic.

Empty cans or containers will help keep things organized.

10. If staining, stain first, let dry, then proceed. If painting, do not paint tabs or inside of slots. Painting these areas will not allow the parts to fit together properly. These areas can be touched up after assembly. Glue also tends to adhere better to wood than to a painted surface.

11. The plastic window sheet is susceptible to scratching. It should be protected from abrasive surfaces at all times.

12. Right and left are as viewed from the front of the house.

Finishing Touches

Finishing your dollhouse is only limited by your imagination. Paint, wallpaper, stain and stucco are only a few of the items you can be creative with.

Wood fill and primer can be very helpful. Use the wood fill to smooth joints between tabs and slots and on corner seams. Primer is recommend to prime the wood with before painting. Parts to be stained should NOT be primed.

Satin finish latex house paint will give a better result than either flat or gloss finish.

Be sure to check your local craft shop for other decorative items such as siding, floor tiles, carpet, electrification kits, furniture, etc.

Assembly Instructions

A) ASSEMBLY OF WINDOW CASINGS, SHUTTERS, AND WINDOW BOXES.

**Remember to use white glue
when assembling plastic
windows!**

1. R & P 2 large and small interior and exterior window casings (7). Lay window-casing face down and glue plastic window centered to appropriate sized casing.
2. R & P R & P large shutter fronts (4), large shutter backs (1), small shutter fronts (1,2), and small shutter backs (6). Position a shutter front centered over shutter back with all edges flush. Glue together and repeat for remaining shutters.
3. R & P large window box front (3) large sides (2), small window box front and bottom (1,2) and small sides (1). Position two window box sides to each end of bottom. Keep flush on bottom edge and glue. Align front on top of sides and bottom. Edge will be flush and glue.

B) ASSEMBLY OF HOUSE STRUCTURE.

1. R & P first floor and second floor (5), front wall (6), left side (2) and right side.
2. Lay right side face down and glue widow casing with plastic to window opening. Turn over and glue exterior casing around window opening. Repeat for front wall.
3. Use prepared shutters and position them on each side of window casings and glue. R & P large and small window top trim (1,2,3). Glue small trim o large trim keeping back edge flush. Glue trim over window openings. Position window boxes under window openings and glue.
4. Align first floor tabs with slots on right side and glue. Repeat for second floor
5. Take left side and glue to first and second floor.
6. Lay house structure on back and glue on front wall. Side edge will be flush

C) ASSEMBLY OF FRONT DOOR

**A foam brush works best for
staining!**

1. R & P door back (6) and door front (3). Sandwich plastic window between doors and glue. R & P interior door trim (7) and exterior door trim (3). Glue over appropriate openings. R & P door bottom trim (3) and glue between the two sides of the exterior door trim.
2. R & P two small risers, one large riser, and front step treads (3). Butt and glue then two small risers flush to each end of the large riser. Position front step face down and glue riser assembly to it centered with back edges. Glue step assembly to front wall beneath door opening. Glue or hinge front door in place.

D) ASSEMBLY OF HOUSE STRUCTURE

1. R & P front roof (4) back roof (3). Align back roof to left and right sides (g). Position front roof to left and right sides (g).
2. R & P gable roof trim (1,2, 7). Align gable trim, butting each end together (g). Glue assembled trim to the under side of front and back roof.
3. Take prepared shutters and position one on each side of the windows on front wall and glue. Take prepared window top trim and glue one above each window.
4. Take prepared bay window and position in opening of front wall and glue in place. Set aside entire front wall.
5. Repeat the same procedure on left wall for remaining window.
6. Take first floor and assembled front wall and slide together using labeled slots and tabs. DO NOT GLUE at this time.
7. Slide center partition and second floor together and slide into slots of the first floor and front wall. Glue second floor to FRONT WALL ONLY.
8. Slide left wall into first floor slots and glue to second floor and front wall while keeping edges flush.
9. Align third floor tabs with left wall and front wall slots. Glue center partition to front wall, third floor, second floor and first floor. Keeping back edge of center partition flush to the back of the floors.
10. Align right wall to first, second and third floor tabs. Glue into place.

Sanding is easier if you wrap your sandpaper around a block of wood!

E) ASSEMBLY OF PORCH AND FIRST FLOOR SUPPORTS

1. R & P porch supports (2). Lay the house on its back and draw a line $\frac{1}{4}$ " from each edge of the porch floor. Glue porch support #1, #2, #3, and #4 to porch floor. **See Diagram #1 on back.**
2. R & P first floor supports (2). Align one of the first floor supports between the right wall and center partition, keep flush with the back edge of the first floor and glue. Repeat the same procedure for the left wall.
3. Sit assembled structure on base. R & P interior front door casing (10), center partition door trim (10).
4. Align prepared first floor staircase with slots in second floor and glue in place. Repeat for second floor staircase.
5. Position center partition door trim closest to stairway around door on the first floor. You will notice one side is shorter than the other. The short end of the door trim will rest on the first tread of the staircase. Glue in place. On opposite sidewall

glue full size center partition trim around that door opening. Repeat for second floor. Center partition doors may be glued in place or hinged to the wood.

6. Position interior and exterior front door casings around door opening and glue. Repeat for side door opening. Position prepared doors in appropriate openings. They may be glued in or hinged to the wood.

F) ASSEMBLY OF PORCH RAILINGS

1. R & P porch railings (9,10), porch handrail (10). Position handrail #1 centered over railing #1 and glue. Repeat this procedure for handrails #2 ~ #5.
2. Align prepared railing #1 flush against the back of railing #2 and glue together. Align railing #3 flush against the back of railing #4 and glue. Align railing #5 flush to railing #4 and glue.
3. Draw a light pencil line 3/8" from the edge of the porch floor. This line will help you align the railing equally from the edge of the porch floor. Position railings #1 and #2 and glue. Repeat for railings #3, #4, and #5. **See Diagram #2 on back.**

G) ASSEMBLY OF PORCH ROOF, FRONT AND BACK ROOF

1. R & P porch roof front and side (11). Insert tabs of porch roof front into slots on front wall. **DO NOT GLUE AT THIS TIME.** Insert tabs of porch roof side into slots on left wall. Align railings and porch roofs into position and glue.
2. R & P front roof (8) and back roof (11). Align slots on back roof with tabs on right and left sides of structure and glue. Repeat the same process for front roof.
3. R & P gable roof trim (11) on the right side of the house, align one gable trim on the underside of front roof with angles facing down towards porch roof, glue in place. Align another gable trim on the underside of back roof allowing angles to meet and glue in place. Repeat procedure for left side of the house.
4. Position assembled window boxes below window openings and glue in place.
5. Position front step assembly in a proper, centered spot off front porch and glue in place.

Shingles, shingles, shingles...

TOOLS REQUIRED

Sharp Utility Knife
Hot melt glue gun and glue
Pencil and ruler or other straight edge

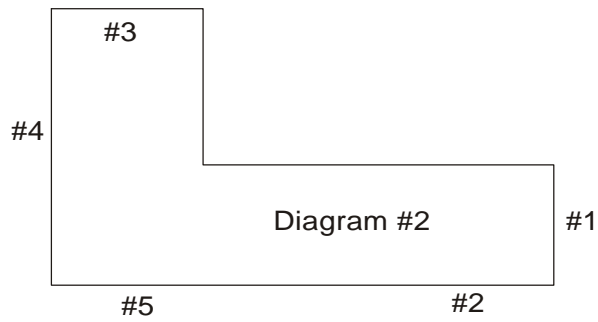
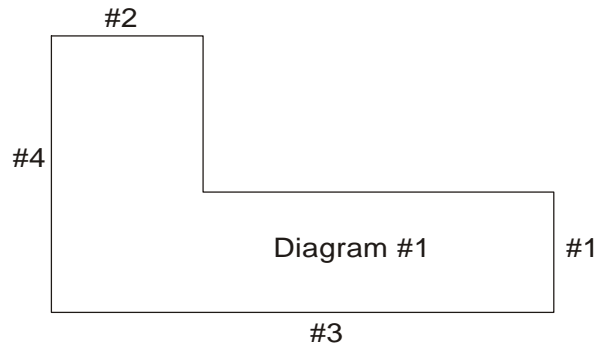
OPTIONAL

1" Foam Brush
Wood Stain

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Carefully measure and draw parallel guidelines on the roof panels beginning at the bottom edge of the roof. Guidelines should be spaced apart no less than one half the length of one shingle.
2. Guidelines **MUST** meet evenly at all gable intersections.
3. Begin applying the top edge of the shingles along the guidelines using hot melt glue. Start at bottom edge of roof and continue upwards to top edge of roof. Shingles at each end of the row will need to be cut to size. Be sure to cut and fit each shingle at the gable intersection before gluing in place. Also keep in mind that as you continue upwards, each row should be staggered by half the width of one shingle.
4. The last row of shingles at the top edge of the roof will need to be trimmed in length. They should be cut to approximately half the length of one shingle and applied, giving the roof a finished appearance.
5. **OPTIONAL:** Apply wood stain with foam brush using caution not to soak the shingles too heavily as the stain may cause the glue to loosen. If this should happen, just allow the glue to re-harden on its own. (NOTE: You may want to consider staining a few extra shingles in case any are ever damaged.)

THAT'S IT! SIT BACK AND ADMIRE YOUR CREATION!



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