



## 6. Pillars

Take the metal spring out of a clothes pin. Now, flip around and glue the flat parts together. Make 4 of these interesting-shaped pillars, and line them up on the outside top corners. Glue them down, clamp with masking tape and let dry.



## 7. Crossbeams

Carefully test-fit two craft sticks across the pillars. With scissors, cut them to size. Glue them down.



## 8. Diagonal Bracing

Use the details on the pillars to line up craft sticks. Test-fit, mark, cut and glue in place. Let dry. Add more glue on all the joints, flock with sand, and let dry again.



## 9. Cut opening

Now that everything is solid, you can cut the middle part of the base out. It should be just over 4" wide.



## 10. Check

Pick the bridge up and turn it around at different angles. Fix anything you don't like, prior to painting.



## 11. Base Coats

Black for the road, grey for the concrete, and a mix of red and brown for the bridge. You can mix things into your paint such as glue for extra strength, a bit of sand for extra texture detail, and/or water if you prefer thinner coats.



## 12. Foliage

Put the glue on first, then carefully place the bits of dried moss where you want them, pushing them into the glue. Check and adjust until you like it. Let dry.



## 13. Details

A caution sign for a low bridge makes sense. Cut a square of cardboard, glue it on there and paint it orange. Add all the other details you like.



## 14. Overview - Bridge

Happy Tree Village now has a bridge you can put over the top of road sections. It would also work over the top of water, which is conspicuous by its absence – until another time!

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