

Crafty Time

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The Blue Balcony Club

Buildings in Happy Tree Village come in many varieties, just like in real life. Let's make a jazz club with a balcony

Tools: Ruler, scissors, paint brushes, masking tape

Materials: Cardboard, white glue, flat toothpick, milk pull, paint

Difficulty: Moderate

Cost: Less than \$1 including paint and

Time: 3 to 5 hours (or more) of fun!



1. Measure, mark, cut and glue

Measure and mark cardboard. Base: 5" square. Walls: two are 4" square, two are 4" x 4" to 5" peaks at center. Cut and glue together at edges, leaving 1/2" of extra space at base for the sidewalk. Use masking tape to hold in place until dry. The roof is 5" wide x 6", and folded in half. Optionally, (shown) the top layer of corrugated cardboard can be peeled away for a tile or metal roof look.



2. Balcony and bits

Corners, windows & doors: cut thin cardboard into 1/2" strips and fold in half for the corner trims, and 1/4" strips along the horizontal floor divider line. Cut 1/2" squares for windows. Use a glue brush for better control. Balcony: cut a 2" cardboard square diagonally for the balcony support triangles, a 2" x 4" rectangle for the floor and two 1" x 2" and one 1" x 4" piece for the balcony walls. Glue on, above the front door.

3. Paint

Prime/base coat everything in white, then paint it any colors you like. Neon orange contrasts with the blues to get them to pop. The roof and doors are metallic blue. The windows are glossy black and the balcony and trim are neon blue. Sidewalks are gray. Use painter's tape for cleaner edges. Paint 2-3 coats, including touch ups.

