

## Pudding Box House Living Room

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When finished, the house with roof measures  $4\frac{5}{16}$ " high.

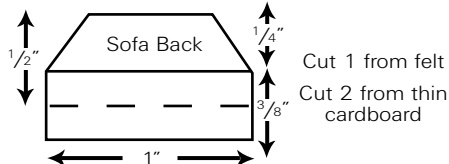
In January we learned to make a Pudding Box House. Last month we made the bedroom furniture. Now it's time to outfit the living room. The scale is between  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch to the foot. The table is  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch high, the fireplace is  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch high, the sofa is 1 inch wide and approximately  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch high. Each room's furniture uses materials from the list below. Some require additional materials.

### What You'll Need:

- $\frac{3}{16}$ " thick foam core
- Felt
- Craft knife
- Fabric
- Craft glue
- Thin cardboard
- Copy-weight paper
- Acrylic paint: Black, White or Off-white; Navy
- Cardstock
- Ruler, small scissors

### Sofa

You will also need round toothpicks.

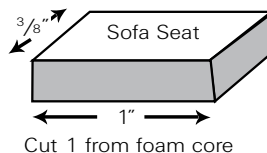


1. Cut two backs of cardstock. Cut one seat of foam core. Cut felt by sofa back pattern. Trim felt off  $\frac{1}{8}$ " from bottom edge. Glue felt to upper part of back. Apply glue to lower  $\frac{1}{8}$ " of back. Lay fabric wrong side up. Press glued bottom of sofa back to wrong side of fabric. Trim fabric  $\frac{1}{8}$ " larger than upper back. Trim lower glued edge even with bottom. Apply glue to remaining edges. Fold over and press fabric to back, clipping fabric where needed for a smooth fit.

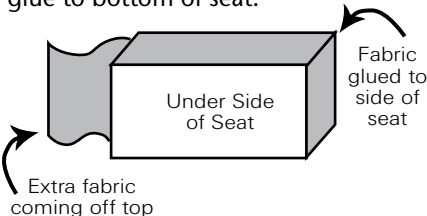


2. Spread glue evenly on other back. Lay wrong side of fabric onto glued side of back. Round off points of sofa back slightly. Trim fabric even with back. Glue this back to wrong side of padded back, having this bottom edge extending  $\frac{1}{16}$ ". Trim this edge.

3. Seat: Compress foam core seat to reduce thickness. Spread glue on one



paper side of seat. Place in center of a  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{8}$ " fabric rectangle wrong side up. Wrap fabric around the long side and glue to back. Trim overhang fabric on ends of seat piece leaving only excess fabric coming off top of seat. Apply glue to wrong side of fabric and adhere it to end of seat. (A "busy" print helps hide joined areas.) Glue seat to back having seat and sofa back edge flat to floor. If you want a base (as pictured), cut one or two pieces of cardboard the depth and width of sofa, cover with fabric and glue to bottom of seat.



4. Arms: Cut two pieces  $\frac{3}{8}$ " long from the round part of a toothpick. Cut a strip of fabric  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide. Apply glue to fabric strip. Place toothpick

"log" on the strip at one end and roll up the log till it is the desired thickness. Glue to sofa seat.

### Draped Table

You will also need: rubber pleater (optional), needle and thread, straight pins, spray starch, cardboard box top (for pinning),  $\frac{1}{4}$ " dowel.

1. Cut a strip of paper  $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Wrap strip tightly around dowel, keeping strip even with top of dowel. Apply glue to the strip at the beginning of the second time around. (Keep glue from getting on dowel.) Wrap 3 to 4 times around dowel, adding glue to strip evenly. Let dry. Cut excess paper.

2. Push paper off dowel and apply glue to edge of roll. Stick paper roll to card. When glue is dry trim card even with roll.

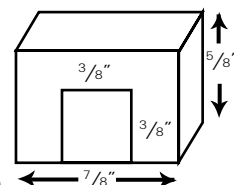
3. Tablecloth: Cut fabric  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5". Sparingly spread glue along top and bottom of fabric. Let dry. Use a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " rubber pleater to make gathers in strip, or gather both edges by hand, pulling up the gathers. Spray with starch or water and let dry, pinning the fabric to a box top, stretching the gathers between the top and bottom edges. Glue pleated fabric around paper roll at top and bottom.

4. Mark a  $\frac{5}{8}$ " square on wrong side of contrasting fabric. Spread glue over wrong side. Cut on marked lines. Glue square to top of table. Spread more glue on edges of square and fold glued edges over skirt.

### Fireplace

You will also need: brick printed paper, black paper.

1. Cut fireplace out of foam



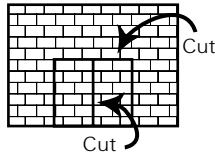
Fireplace - Cut foam core  $\frac{5}{8}$ " x  $\frac{1}{8}$ "  
Cut out  $\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " opening

core on wrong side of brick paper. Trace outlines of all sides. Glue brick paper to foam piece. Cut down center of small opening and across top.

**2.** Glue fireplace back to black paper. Trim evenly with outside edges. Fold and glue flaps to back at a slight angle.

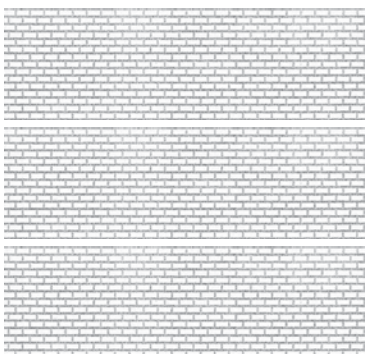
**Mantel**

You will also need: small piece of wood patterned paper or light brown card-board.



**1.** Cut wood paper 1 1/8" long x 1/2" wide. Cut several strips of brown cardboard 1 1/8" x 1/2". Glue them together until the strip is 1/16" thick. Or glue wood paper to long cardboard stack, over edge, gluing to other long side. Glue to top of fireplace with back of mantel flush with back of fireplace. Smudge a little soot (black paint) to inside sides.

**2.** Base: Cut cardboard 1" x 1/2". Layer strips as for mantel to 1/16" thickness. Cut brick paper 1/2" wide x 1" long. Glue brick paper to cardboard stack, folding and gluing over edge and to underside. Cut a few strips of brick paper that are one brick wide. Glue to edges of base. Put some soot (black paint) on the base inside the opening.



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