

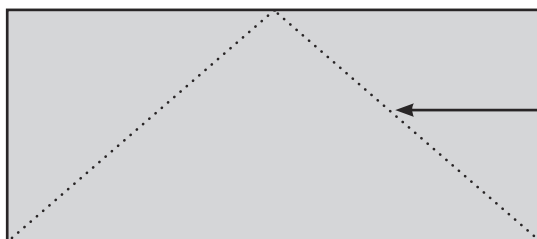
How to Make a Tudor House

You will need:

- Two cardboard boxes (one large, one small)
- White paint (acrylic works best)
- Two sheets of white card (A3)
- Foam sheets (black, white, brown and grey). Alternatively, use coloured card.
- A black permanent marker or felt tip
- Glue (PVA or a heat glue gun)

What to do:

1. First, glue the larger box on top of the smaller box, with its four flaps open on top. In Tudor times, the first floor was usually larger than the ground floor. This overhanging floor was called a 'jetty'.
2. Now, make the structure of the gable roof by cutting the two smaller flaps into triangles. To do this, find the central point of the flap with a ruler and then draw down to each of the two corners. Cut along these lines to leave a triangle behind. Repeat with the other flap.



Measure the central point. Then draw and cut along the dotted lines.

3. Add a thin line of glue along the edges of both triangles. Fold the other two flaps down and attach them to make the pitched roof. Hold in place until the glue has set. You have now made the structure of the gable roof (there will be a gap at the top).
4. Take your large A3 sheet of white card. Fold it in half so that it will fit over the cardboard roof. Cut it to size, leaving a small overlap on all sides.
5. Glue the white roof to the cardboard roof.
6. Paint the whole house white. Apply two coats for a good coverage and leave to dry.



- Now, make the windows. Draw rectangles of 5cm x 6cm on your white card. Aim for at least six windows in total (two on the longer sides, one on each end).
- Tudor windows were made of lots of small panes of glass because glass was very expensive to make. Decorate the windows to replicate this style by drawing diagonal lines with your black marker pen. Glue the windows to the sides of the upper box.
- Add window frames to the outside of each window. Cut strips of black foam about 0.5cm wide and glue to surround each window.
- Now add the beams. Use strips of black foam that are 1cm wide. Start at the edges of the walls and work inwards, with vertical and horizontal strips. You can even add curved beams. Apply to all of the walls and up to the roof (parallel lines work well). Look at photos of real-life Tudor houses to inspire you!
- Add the door. Use the brown foam and cut out a rectangular door shape. Add a small circle of black foam to make the door handle. Stick to one end of the lower box.
- Decorate the roof. Some houses in Tudor times had thatched roofs but many were tiled. Take two sheets of foam (grey and brown). Draw and cut out strips of 2cm foam. Then cut these strips at 3cm intervals to create plenty of rectangular tiles (you'll need at least 100 of them!)
- Glue your tiles to the roof, starting with the bottom row. Mix the grey and brown foam to achieve a dappled effect. When you have completed the first row, stick the second and further rows so that they overlap the previous row. Continue until both sides of the roof are covered.

You have finished your model Tudor house! Why not try again with different boxes and a different pattern of beams to create your own Tudor village?

