



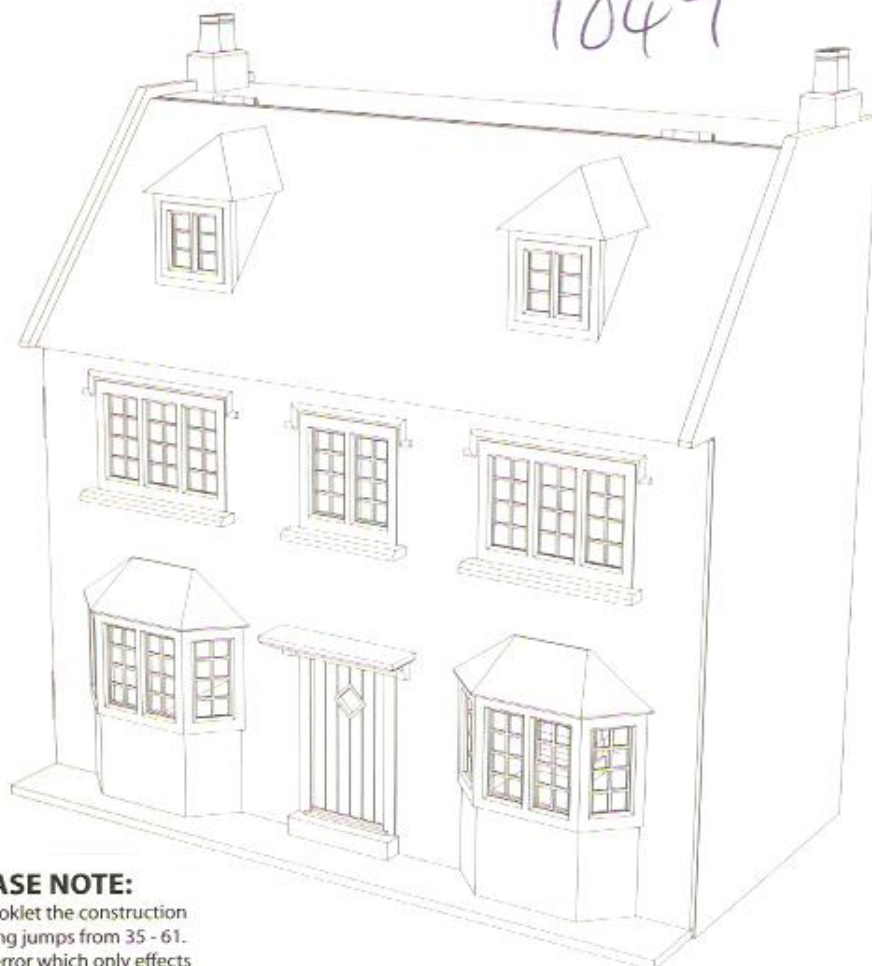
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PLEASE NOTE:

Within this booklet the construction step numbering jumps from 35 - 61. This is a print error which only effects the step numbers. The diagrams, instructions and sequence are correct.

APRIL COTTAGE KIT INSTRUCTIONS

Unpack your kit and study the contents carefully, relating the parts to the contents list and drawings. In the unlikely event of there being a missing or broken part then please ring 0845 434 9201 and our staff will ensure that the problem is dealt with promptly.

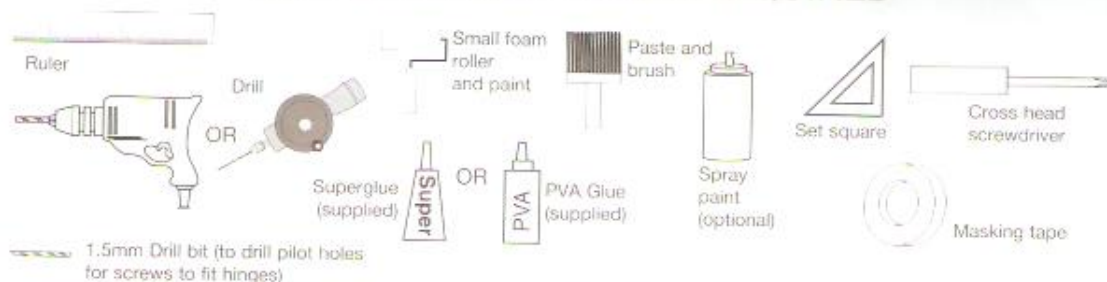
We recommend that all Dolls House Emporium kits are dry built first. Please read through all the instructions carefully before commencing. If, at any stage you would like any advice or assistance, please ring us on 0845 434 9202 and we will be pleased to answer any queries.

It is not recommended to keep your dolls' house in a conservatory - due to the extremes of temperature.

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TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED



Safety First - Wear goggles and a mask when cutting or sanding MDF

DRY ASSEMBLY

We recommend that all Dolls House Emporium kits are dry built first, to ensure all the parts fit together properly before gluing and so that the instructions are fully understood. Use masking tape to hold panels together whilst dry building. After unpacking your dolls' house kit, do not throw away the box. Opened up and flattened out, it can be used to cover your work surface (secured with masking tape). It will protect both your work surface and the painted surfaces of your dolls' house.



GLUING TIPS

PVA wood glue and superglue are supplied in the kit. It is advised that PVA is used to glue larger parts, such as the carcase and superglue is used for smaller painted parts and plastics. It is indicated which glue to use in the instruction steps.

PVA: Always shake PVA before use. Apply plenty of glue in a zig zag motion down the groove and ensure the glue is evenly spread. When using PVA to join painted surfaces, an ideal bond can be achieved by sanding to create a key on the two parts that are to be joined. Excess glue should be wiped away using a damp cloth.

Superglue: When gluing parts onto painted surfaces, we recommend using the superglue. If superglue doesn't stick to an absorbent surface, let the glue dry, then re-apply. The first coat will have sealed the surface and the second coat will stick. If superglue doesn't stick to a shiny surface, sand it lightly to provide a key. If you stick your fingers together with superglue, soak them in hot water and washing-up liquid, and gently prise them apart.

To add pressure during gluing stages stand heavy weights in strategic positions.



PAINTING TIPS

To get the best results, seal the MDF parts with an MDF sealer (available from DIY outlets) or 50/50 water and PVA before painting and decorating. Oil based matt finish is ideal, applied with a small foam roller for a flat and even finish. Gloss paint for details can also be used. British Standard codes are as follows:

Classical Blue Eggshell: **BS 18 E 50**

Country Store, Queen Anne, Priory & Fairbanks Cream Eggshell: **BS 10 C 31**

Kate's Cottage & Malibu Beach House White: **BS 08 B 15**

Mornington Mews Lavender: **BS 05 9 33**

Mornington Mews & Mackintosh White: **BS 10 B 15**

Paints can be obtained from:

Trimite 01895 251234

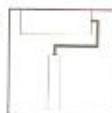
Dulux 01753 550555

Crown/Brolac 01254 704951

or your local decorators' merchant

Wooden windows and doors can be coated with a spray paint for a flat and even finish, varnished or stained.

For a realistic pebble-dash finish on your exterior walls, buy a tester pot of masonry paint in the colour of your choice and add some fine sand. Two coats will produce a very pleasing effect.



WALLPAPERING TIPS

Check the walls for any lumps and bumps before papering. Allow minimal overlap when cutting wallpaper. This will make the job of applying it much easier. In fact, if skirting boards and/or coving are to be fitted, no overlap is necessary. It is often easier to decorate the house with it lying on its back. Gravity will help in the positioning of the wallpaper. A 2-inch soft-bristled brush and a 2-inch paint scraper are helpful tools for wallpapering into corners, giving a professional finish. It is easier to wallpaper the roof before attaching it to the house. For cutting difficult shapes in wallpaper, first use a piece of scrap paper to make a template. You can mark this paper by pushing it into the corners of the house and making creases in it. When you are happy with the fit, transfer the shape to your wallpaper.

To achieve an ideal bond first size walls with a 50/50 water and PVA glue mix, then when this is dry, put on the wallpaper as usual with wallpaper paste. If panels are painted then an ideal bond is achieved by lightly sanding the shiny finish (to give a little more key to the surface) before sizing and wallpapering. If, after wallpapering, you find that you have an air bubble in it, use a hair dryer to shrink back the wallpaper. If this does not work, wet the paper and use the hair dryer again. Use ordinary wallpaper paste, available from DIY stores and interior decorating suppliers.



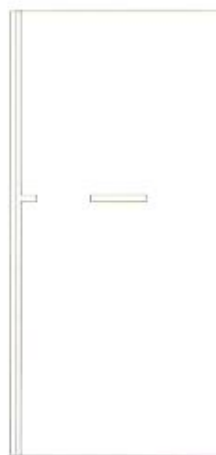
WIRING INFORMATION

There is a suggested wiring circuit layout at the end of these instructions, and full details are given with the wiring kit.

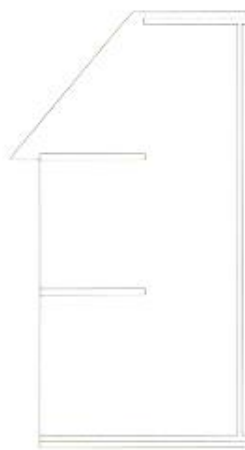


APRIL COTTAGE KIT PARTS (not to scale)

When requesting a missing or damaged part please prefix part number with 1049



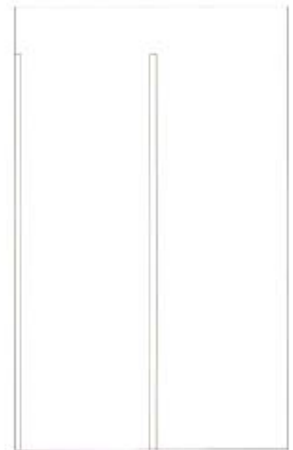
Base A1



LH Wall A2



Back A3A



Back A3B —



RH Wall A4



Upper Roof A5 —



Floor A A6



Floor B A7



Lower Roof A8



Path A9



Cloak A10



Gap Guide A11

Bag of Bits:
Magnet & Striking Plate B1
10mm Cranked Hinges (x2) B2
Screws for Hinges B3
PVA Glue B4
Super Glue B5
Door Knobs (x2) B6
13mm Cranked Hinges (x2) B7

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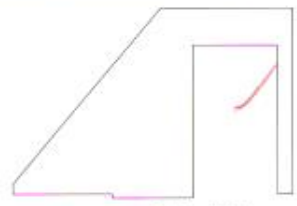
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Midwall 1 C1



Midwall 2 C2



Midwall C3



Bottom Step C4



Stairs C5 (x2)



Curved Steps C6 (x2)



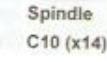
Stair Bracket C7 (x2)



Newel C9 (x2)



Spindle C10 (x29)



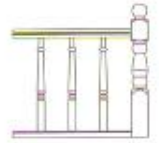
Spindle C10 (x14)



Long Newel C8 (x2)



Handrail 1 C11 (x2)



Handrail 2 C41



Handrail 3 C42 (x2)



Handrail 4 C43



Internal Doors C37 (x3)



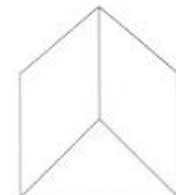
Roof Strip C15



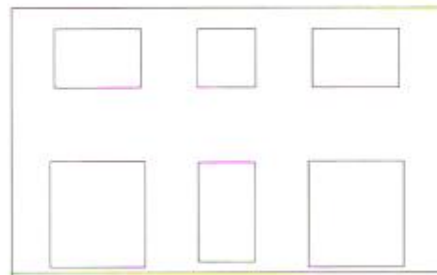
Dormer Front C16 (x2)



Dormer Side C17 (x4)



Dormer Roof C18 (x2)



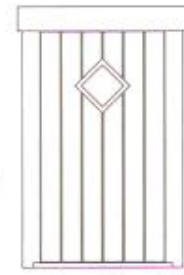
Cottage Front Panel C20



Cottage Dormer Window C19 (x2)



Door Step C21



Front Door C22



Door Canopy C23



Canopy Support C24 (x2)



Large Window C25 (x2)



Small Window C26



Chimney C27 (x2)



Infil Strip C28 (x2)



Chimney Pot C36 (x4)



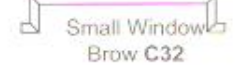
Large Window Sill C29 (x2)



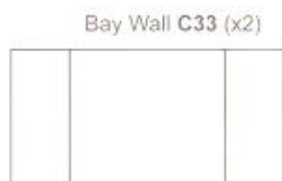
Small Window Sill C31



Large Window Brow C30 (x2)



Small Window Brow C32



Bay Wall C33 (x2)



Bay Window C34 (x2)



Bay Roof C35 (x2)

CONSTRUCTION

1



Dry build your kit now using masking tape and mark up correct orientation of stairs

NB: Whilst you dry build the kit, it is an ideal time to mark the panels and parts (lightly with pencil) that you wish to paint or treat before construction (eg. ceiling, scotia strips, porticos, windows, doors etc).

Also we suggest that you work out the best time to decorate the various other parts in the kit. We recommend you do this during a dry build; a good idea is to create a list of what to do and when for tasks such as papering rooms before putting the floors/ceilings in, fitting doors, installing lights, carpeting floors etc. When you have done this, run through the steps during another dry build to check your order will work.

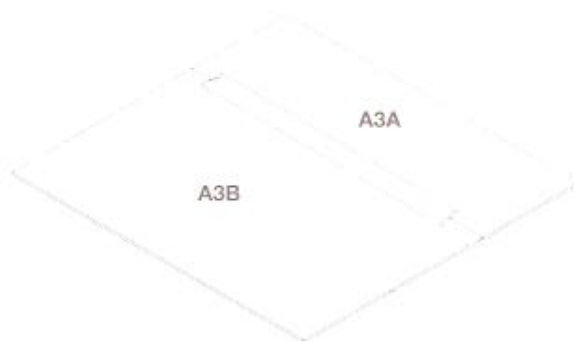
This will give you more chance to become accustomed to the kit and can save a great deal of time and mistakes in the long run.

Happy building !

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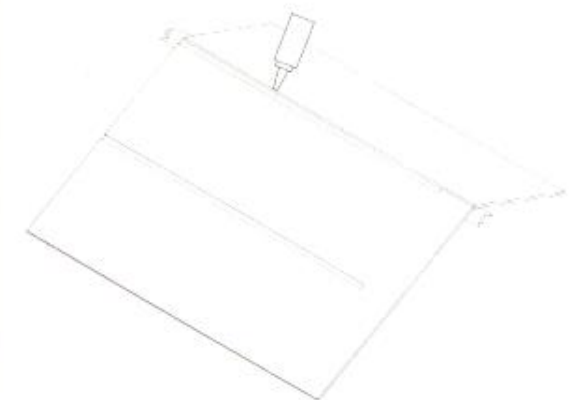
Tape together A3A and A3B as shown.



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Apply glue between A3A and A3B as shown and allow to dry on a flat surface.



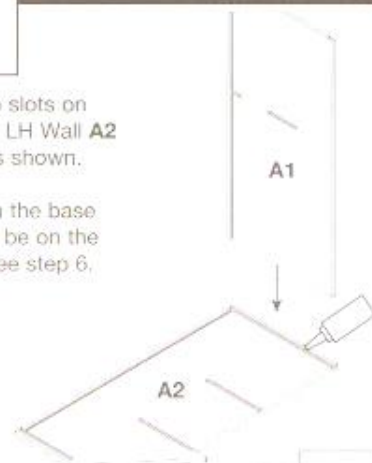
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LAYOUT A

Apply glue to slots on Base A1 and LH Wall A2 and locate as shown.

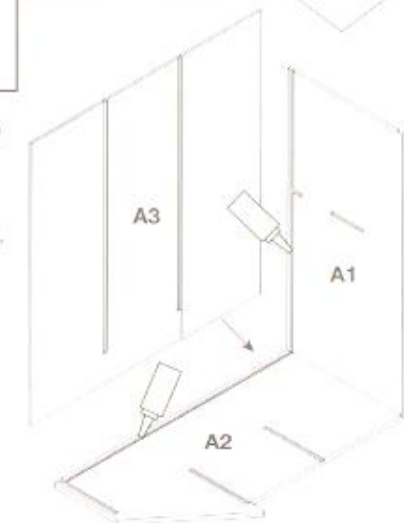
NB. The X on the base panel should be on the underside. See step 6.



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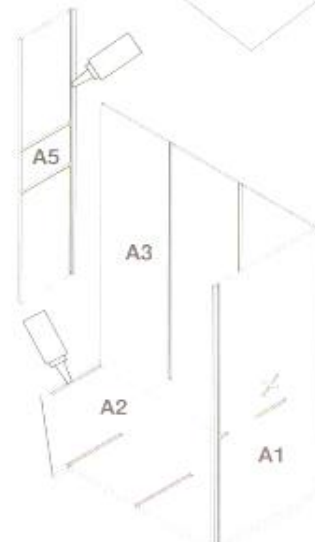
Apply glue to slots on A1 and A2 and locate Back A3 as shown.



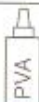
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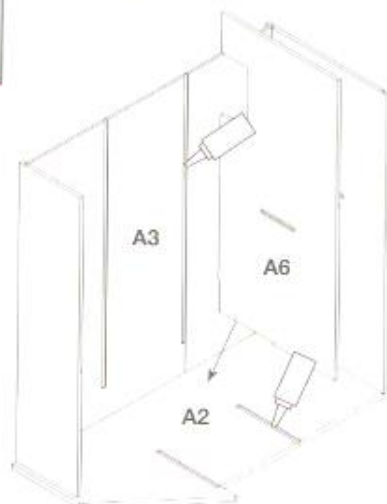
Apply glue to slots on A2 and Upper Roof A5 and locate as shown.



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Apply glue to slots on **A2** and **A3** and locate Floor A **A6** as shown.



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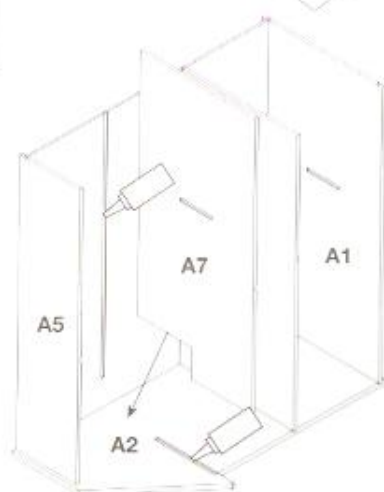
Apply glue to cloak **A10** and locate as shown.



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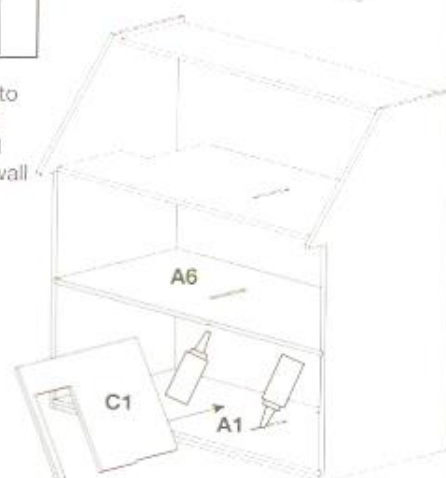
Apply glue to slots on **A2** and **A3** and locate Floor B **A7** as shown.



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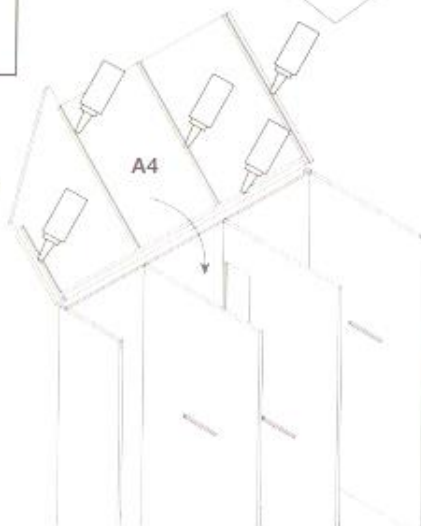
Apply glue to slots on **A1** and **A6** and locate Midwall 1 **C1** as shown.



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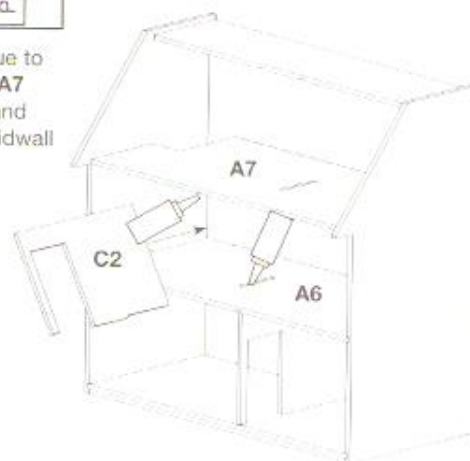
Apply glue to slots on RH Wall **A4** and locate as shown.



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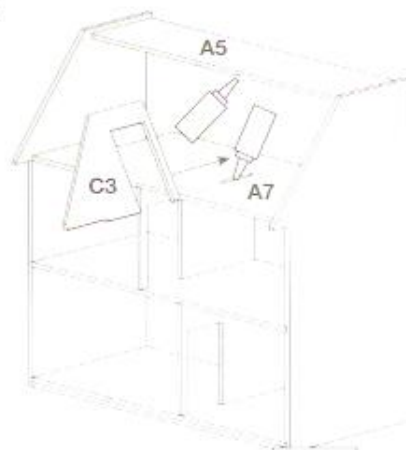
Apply glue to slots on **A7** and **A6** and locate Midwall 2 **C2** as shown.



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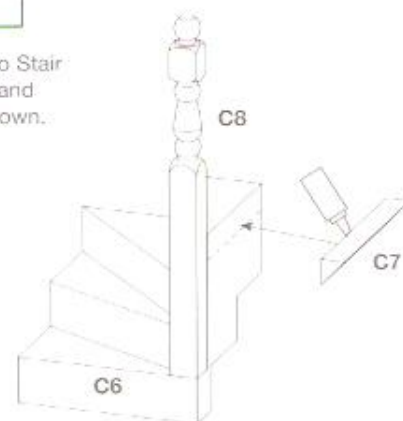
Apply glue to slots on **A7** and **A5** and locate Midwall **C3** as shown.



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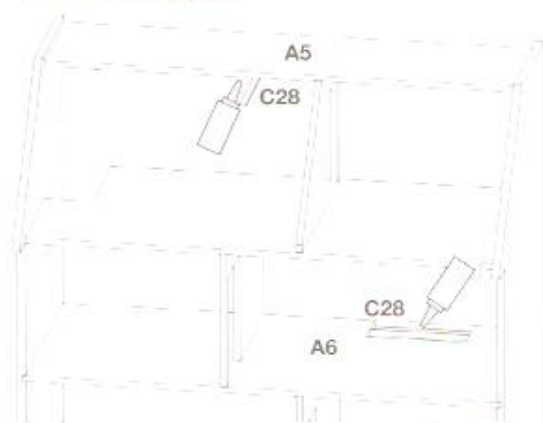
Apply glue to Stair Bracket **C7** and locate as shown.



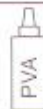
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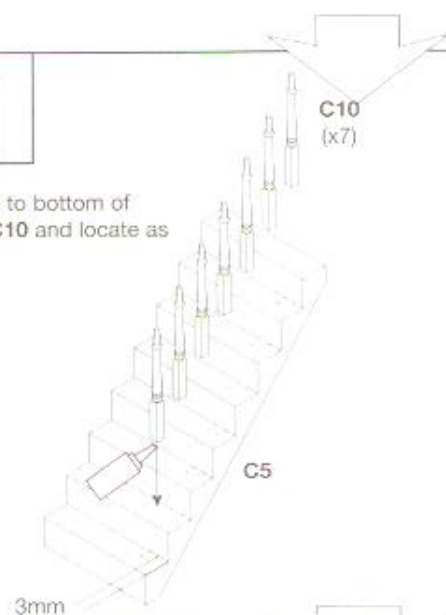
Apply glue to slots on **A5** and **A6** and locate infill strips **C28** as shown.



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Apply glue to bottom of Spindles **C10** and locate as shown.



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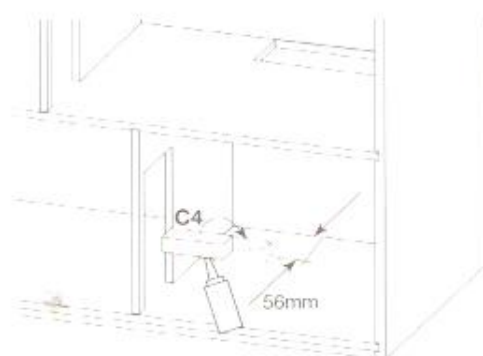
Apply glue to Curved Steps **C6** and locate Long Newel **C8** as shown.



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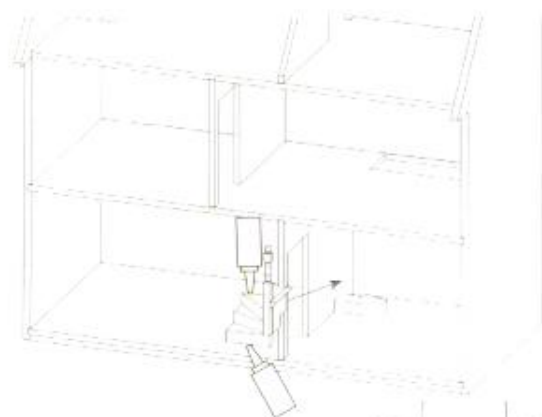
Apply glue to bottom of Bottom Step **C4** and locate as shown.



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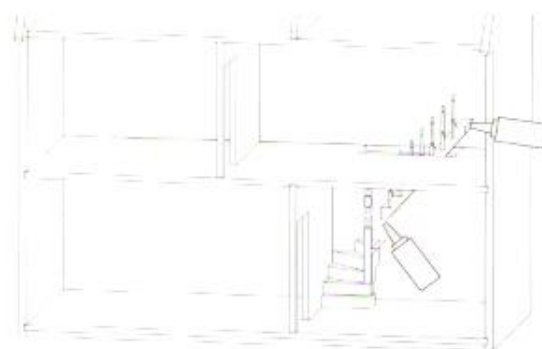
Apply glue to lower stair assembly and locate as shown.



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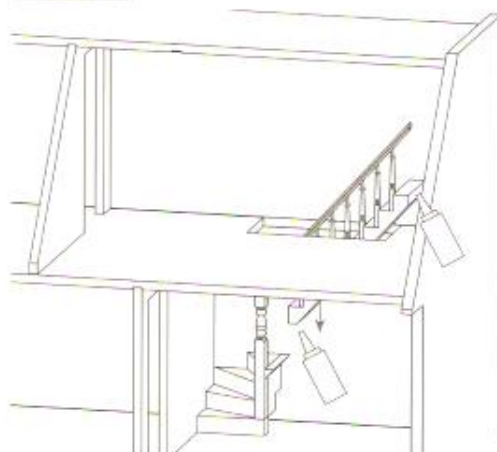
Apply glue to upper stair assembly and locate as shown.



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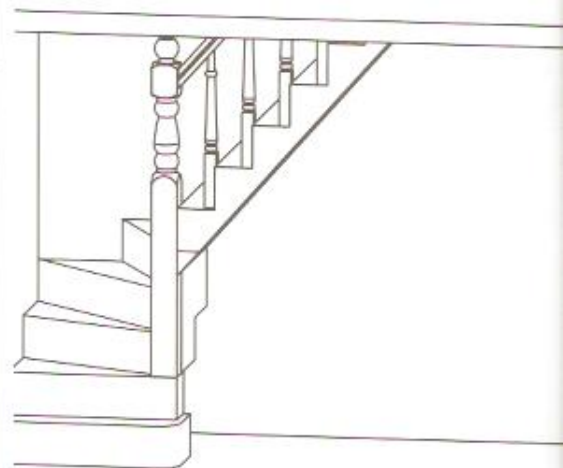
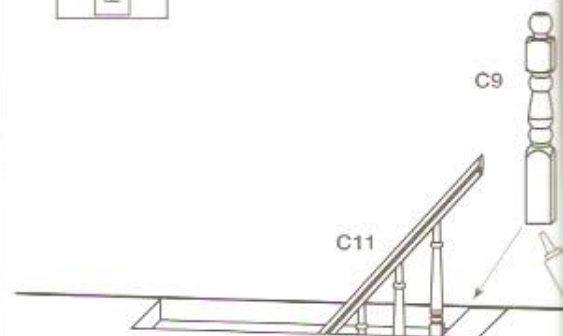
Apply glue to upper stair assembly and locate as shown.



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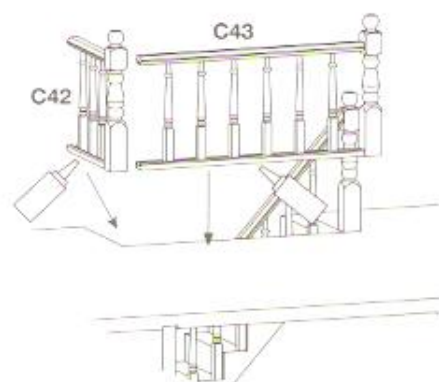
Apply glue to Newel C9 and locate as shown.



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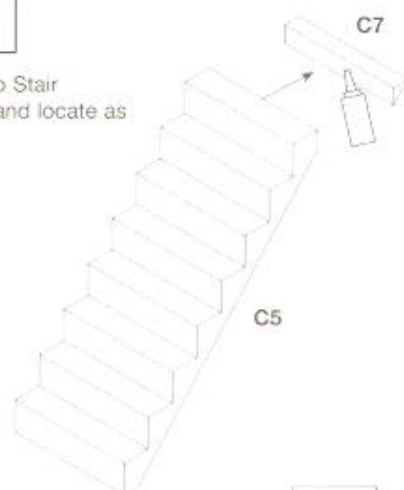
Apply glue to Handrail 3 C42 and Handrail 4 C43 and locate as shown.



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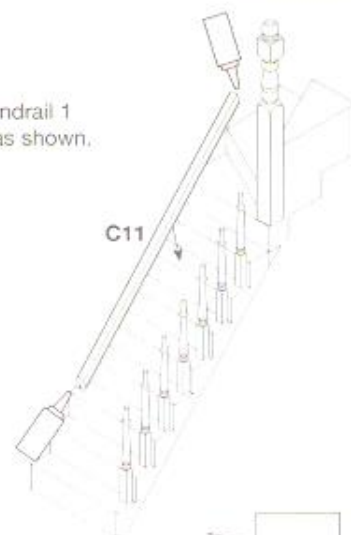
Apply glue to Stair Bracket **C7** and locate as shown.



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Apply glue to Handrail 1 **C11** and locate as shown.



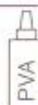
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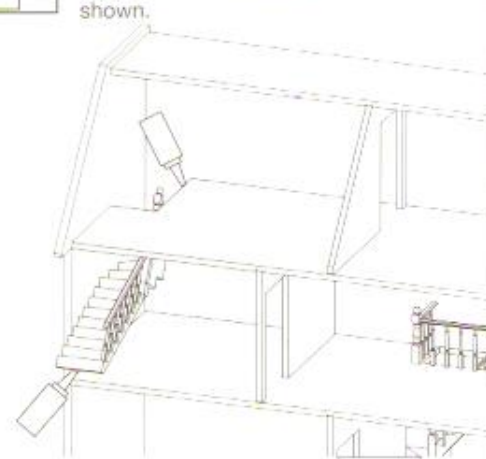
Apply glue to top of **C7** and locate Curved Steps **C6** as shown.



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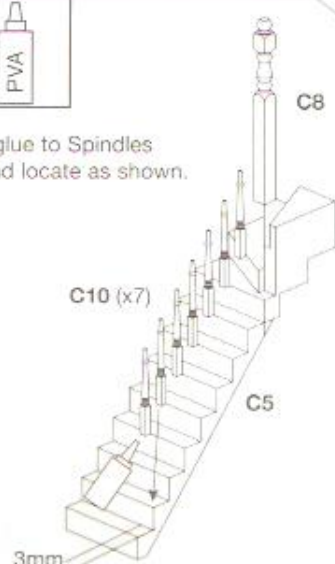
Apply glue to stair assembly and Second Floor **A7** and locate as shown.



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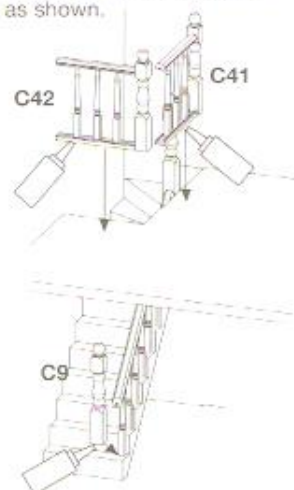
Apply glue to Spindles **C10** and locate as shown.



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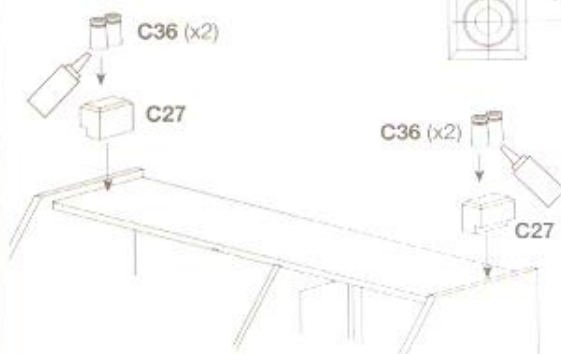
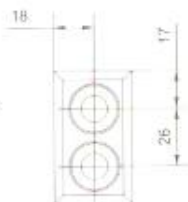
Apply glue to **C42** and Handrail 2 **C41** and locate as shown.



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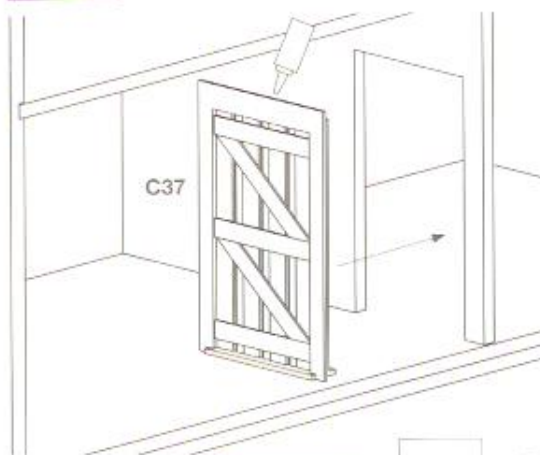
Apply glue to Chimney Pots **C36** and Chimney **C27** and locate as shown.



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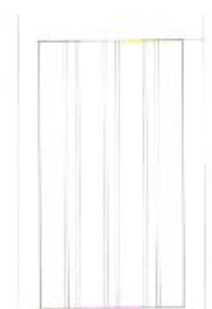
Apply glue to internal door **C37** and locate as shown.



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Apply glue to architraves **C37a** and locate as shown.



Architraves shown in correct position

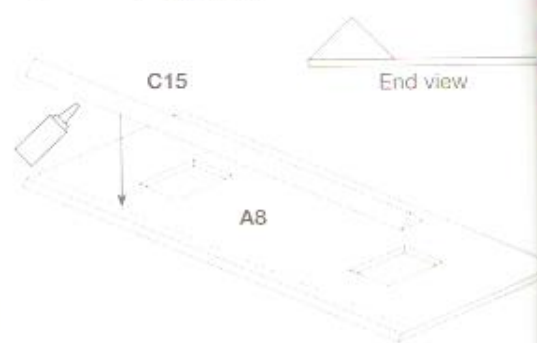
Fit all internal doors now.

ROOF ASSEMBLY

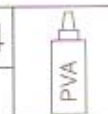
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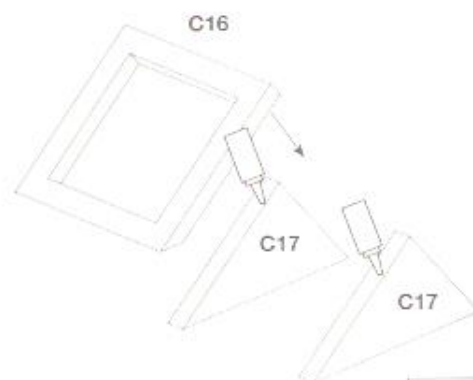
Apply glue to Roof Strip **C15** and locate onto reverse of Lower Roof **A8** as shown.



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Apply glue to Dormer Sides **C17** and locate Dormer Front **C16** as shown.



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Apply glue to Dormer Roof **C18** and locate onto dormer assembly as shown. Repeat for second dormer window.

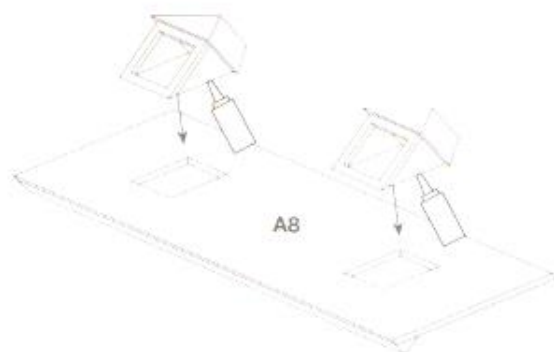
Allow to dry on a flat surface.



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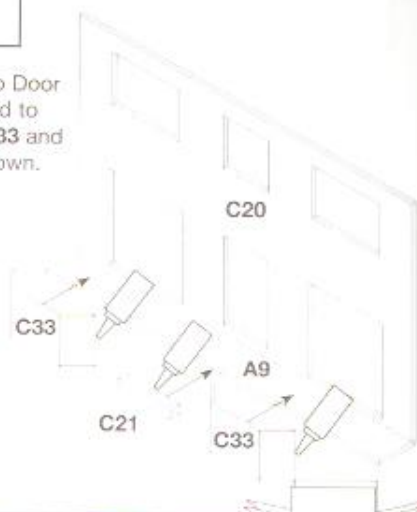
Apply glue to dormer windows and locate onto front of Lower Roof **A8** as shown.



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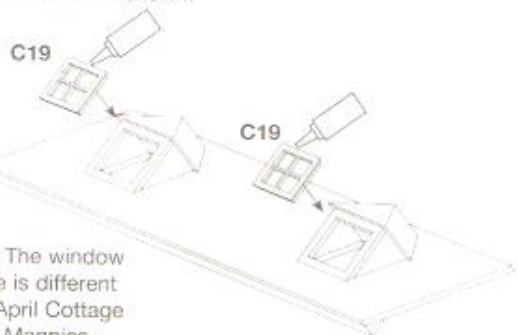
Apply glue to Door Step **C21** and to Bay Walls **C33** and locate as shown.



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Apply glue to Cottage/Shop Dormer Windows **C19** and locate as shown.

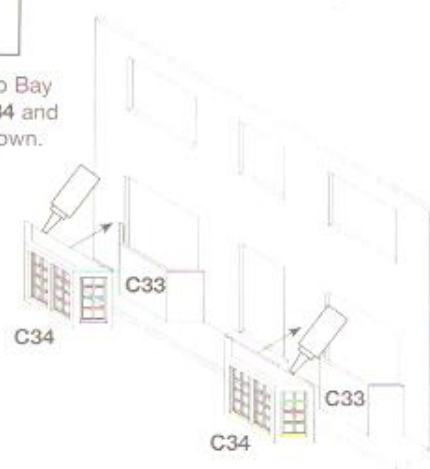


N.B The window style is different for April Cottage and Magpies.

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Apply glue to Bay Windows **C34** and locate as shown.



APRIL COTTAGE FRONT

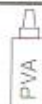
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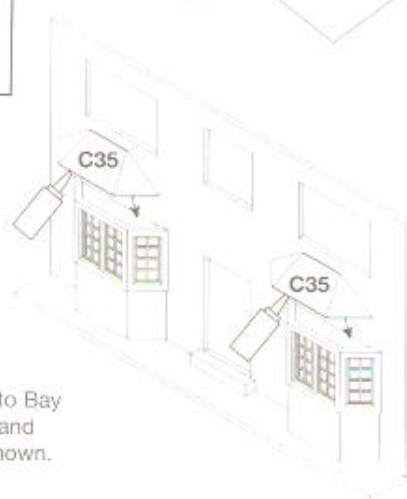
Apply glue to slot on Cottage Front Panel **C20** and locate Path **A9** as shown.



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Apply glue to Bay Roots **C35** and locate as shown.



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Apply glue to Front Door
C22 and locate as shown.



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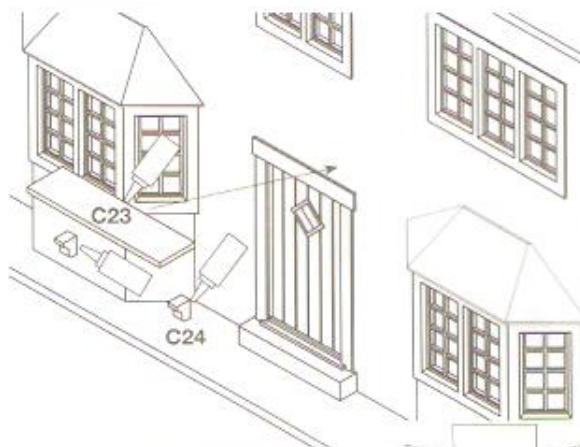
Apply glue to Cottage
Windows C25 and C26 and
locate as shown.



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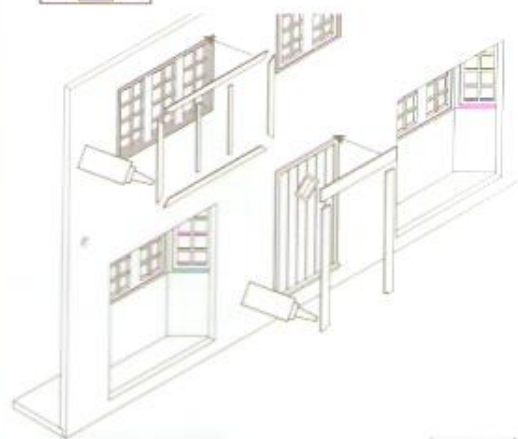
Apply glue to door canopy
C23 and canopy supports
C24 and locate as shown.



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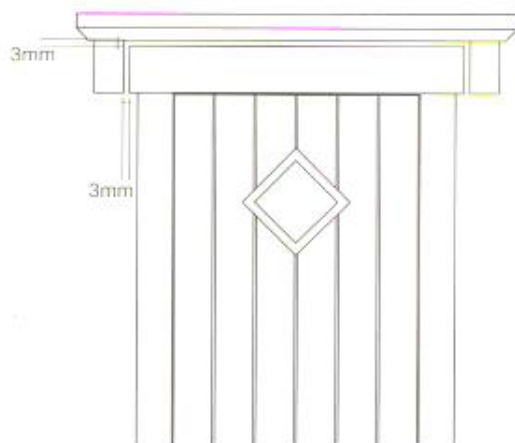


Apply glue to architraves
and locate as shown.



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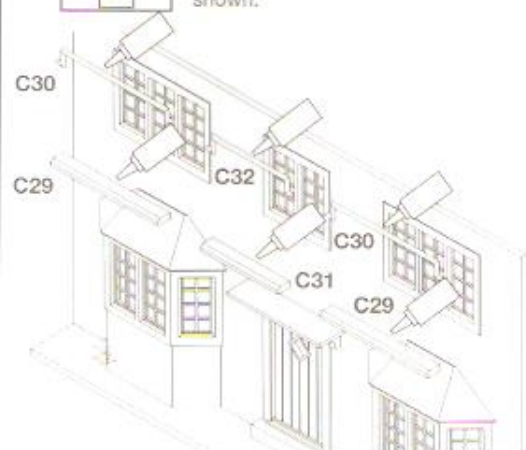
Correct positioning of door canopy.



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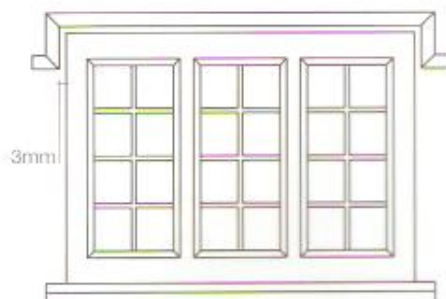


Apply glue to Window
Sills and Window Brows
C29-C32 and locate as shown.

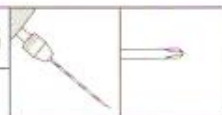


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Correct positioning of Drip Stones and Sills.



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Locate **B7** 13mm Cranked Hinges as shown.

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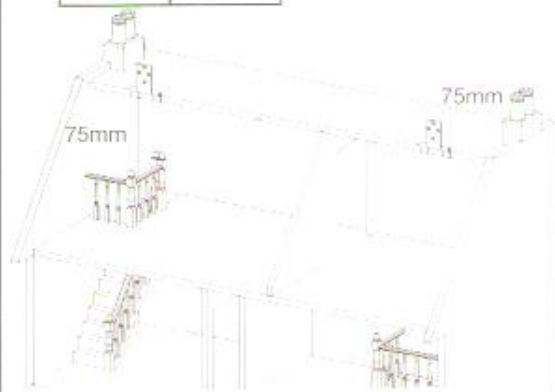
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HANGING PANELS

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Locate **B2** 10mm Cranked Hinges as shown.



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Use the Gap Guide **A11** to support the RH opening panel. Offer the panel to the carcase and mark one hole through each hinge.

Drill 1.5mm pilot holes and fit one screw in each hinge. Check door moves freely and adjust if required before marking, drilling and finally fitting all screws.



NB. The opening front panel can be hung with hinges either to the right or left to suit situation.

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Offer the roof panel to the carcase and mark one hole through each hinge.

Drill 1.5mm pilot holes and fit one screw in each hinge. Check door moves freely and adjust if required before marking, drilling and finally fitting all screws.



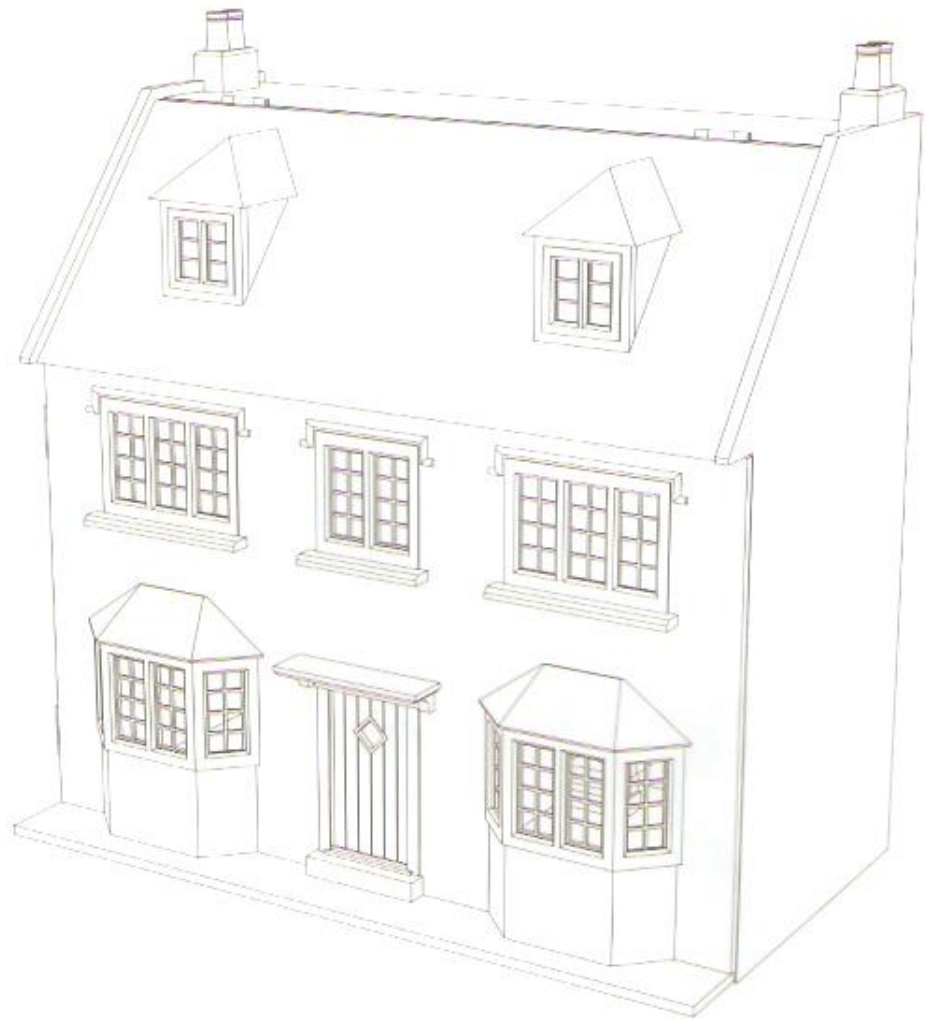
FITTING MAGNET



Apply glue to hole in door panel, locate magnet and allow to dry. Put small amount of water, ink or paint on magnet and close door. Open door and fit the striking plate where mark occurs on the carcase.

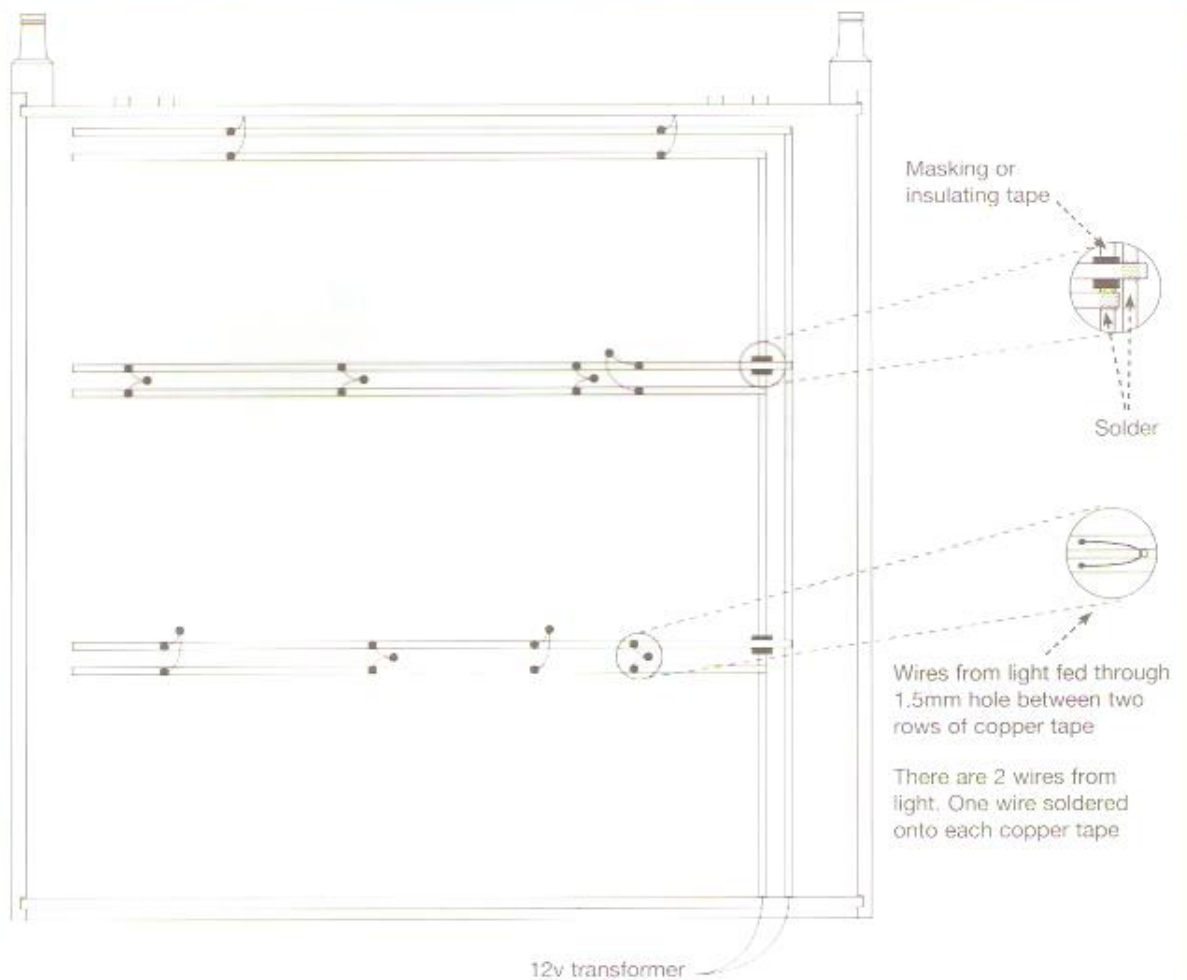
NB. To fit striking plate, drill 1.5mm pilot hole no deeper than 5mm and apply PVA glue into hole before fitting screw.

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED YOUR MAGPIES/APRIL COTTAGE.



WE HOPE YOU ARE PLEASED WITH THE RESULT.

COPPER WIRING LAYOUT FOR APRIL COTTAGE, LOCATED ON BACK

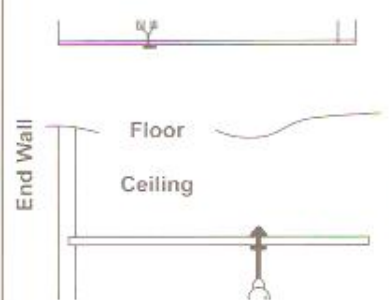
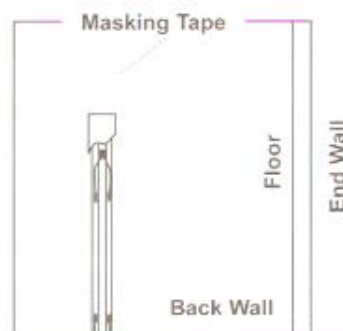
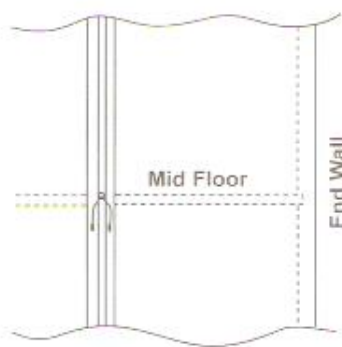


Diagrams to show fitting of a hanging light

1. View From Back

2. "Birds Eye View" of Floor, before flooring is laid

3. View From Front



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