



The Dolls House Emporium

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SPRINGWOOD 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 9202 and our staff will ensure that the problem is dealt with promptly.

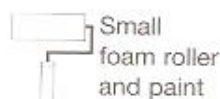
We recommend that all Dolls House Emporium kits are dry built first. Please read through all the instructions carefully before commencing. If, at any stage you would like any advice or assistance, please ring us on 0845 434 9202 and we will be pleased to answer any queries.

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

TOOLS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED



Ruler



Small foam roller and paint



Paste and brush



Spray paint (optional)



Cross head screwdriver



Super glue (supplied)

OR



PVA Glue (supplied)



Set square



Masking tape

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/or nailing 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.



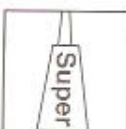
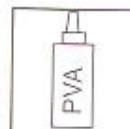
GLUING TIPS

PVA wood glue and superglue are supplied in the kit. It is advised that PVA is used to glue larger parts, such as the carcass 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**

Kates Cottage & Malibu Beach House White: **BS 08 B 15**

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

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

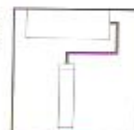
Paints can be obtained from:

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.



SPRINGWOOD COTTAGE KIT PARTS (not to scale)

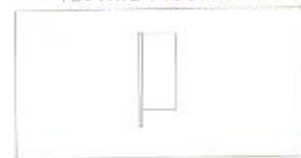
When requesting a missing or damaged part please prefix part number with 1749



Base **A1**



1st Mid Floor **A5A**



2nd Mid Floor **A5B**



Left End Wall **A2**



Back Panel **A3**



Right End Wall **A4**



Chimney **A10** (x2)



Gap Stick **A11**



Rear Roof Panel **A8**



Front Roof Panel **A9**

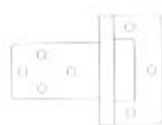


Mid Wall **A6** (x2)



Attic Mid

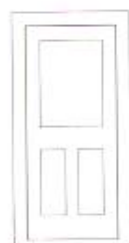
14 Screws **B3** (x2)
Super Glue **B4**



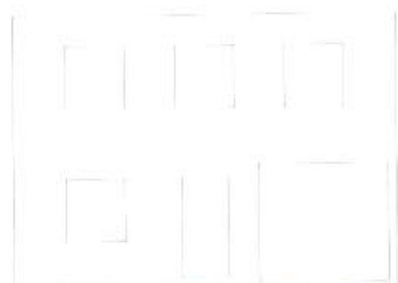
Brass Hinge **B2** (x4)



Staircase **B1** (x2)



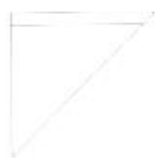
Front Door **C14**



Front Panel **C7**



Left Dormer Wall **C2** (x2)



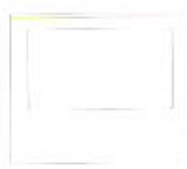
Right Dormer Wall **C4** (x2)



Dormer Front **C3** (x2)



PVA Glue **C20**



Bay Window Front Panel **C10**



Bay Window Side Panel **C9** (x2)



Right Dormer Roof Panel **C5** (x2)



Left Dormer Roof Panel **C6** (x2)



Dormer Window **C1** (x2)



Upper Left Corner Stones **C18**



Window **C16** (x4)



Right Corner Stones **C19**



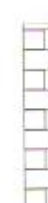
Front Path **C8**



Porch Roof **C11**



Column **C13** (x2)



Lower Left Corner Stones **C17**



Bay Window **C15**



Door Step **C12**

CONSTRUCTION

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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.

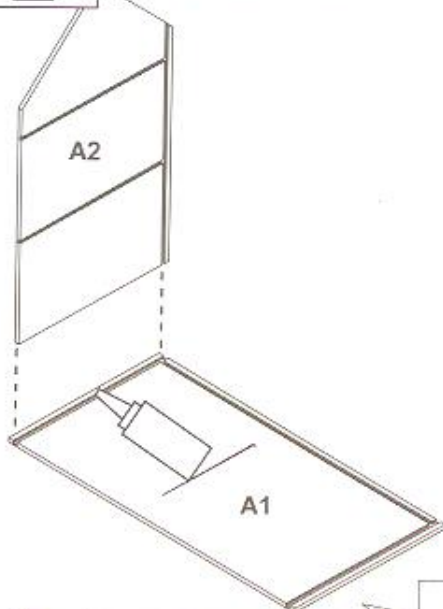
This will give you more chance to become accustomed to the kit and can save a great deal of time and mistakes in the long run.

Happy building !

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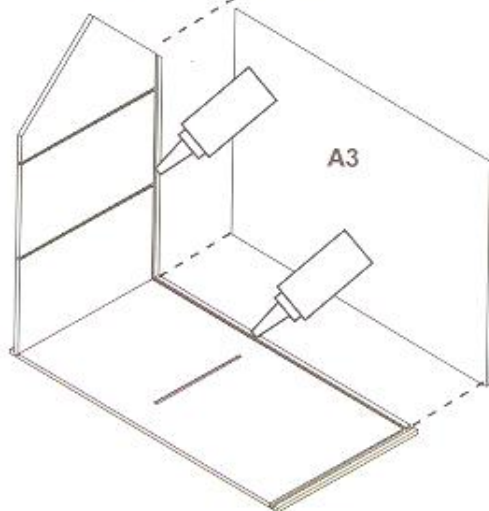
Apply glue to slots on Base Panel **A1** and locate Left End Wall **A2** as shown.



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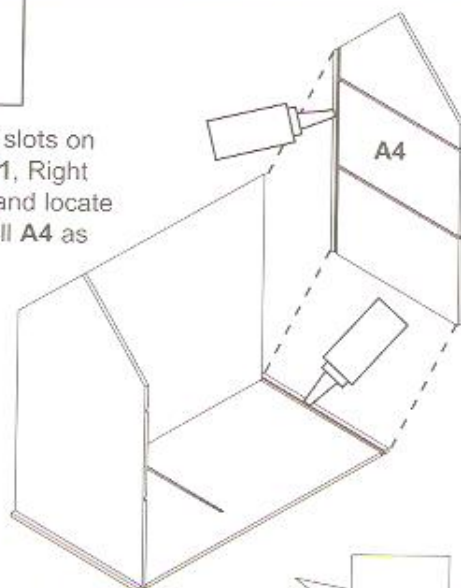
Apply glue to slots on Base Panel **A3**, Left End Wall **A2** and locate Back Panel **A3** as shown.



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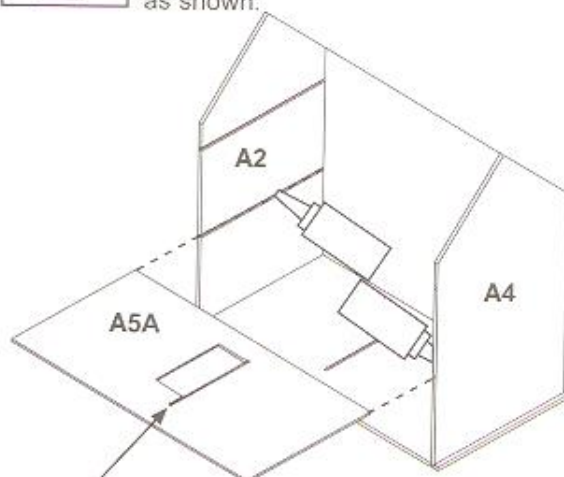
Apply glue to slots on Base Panel **A1**, Right End Wall **A4** and locate Right End Wall **A4** as shown.



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Apply glue to slots on the Right & Left End Walls **A2** & **A4** and locate Mid Floor **A5A** as shown.

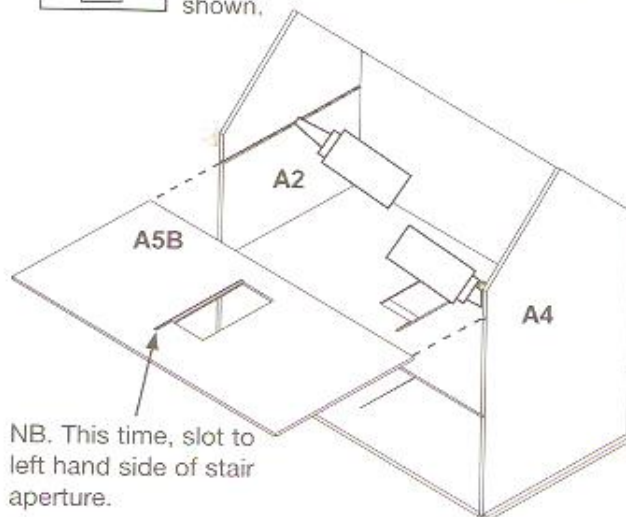


NB. Slot to right hand side of stair aperture.

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Apply glue to slots on Right & Left End Walls **A2** & **A4** and locate Mid Floor **A5B** as shown.

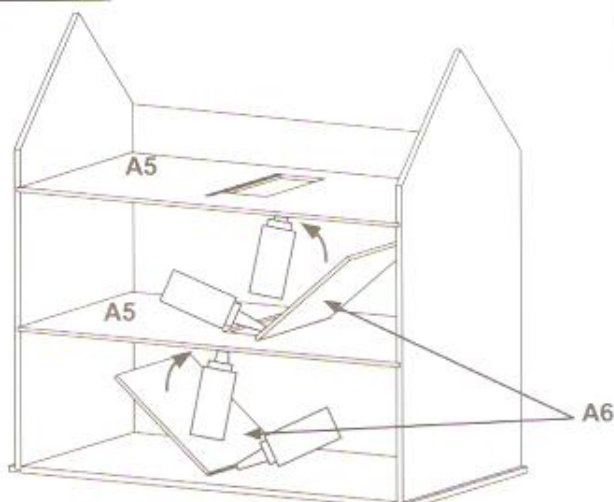


NB. This time, slot to left hand side of stair aperture.

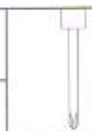
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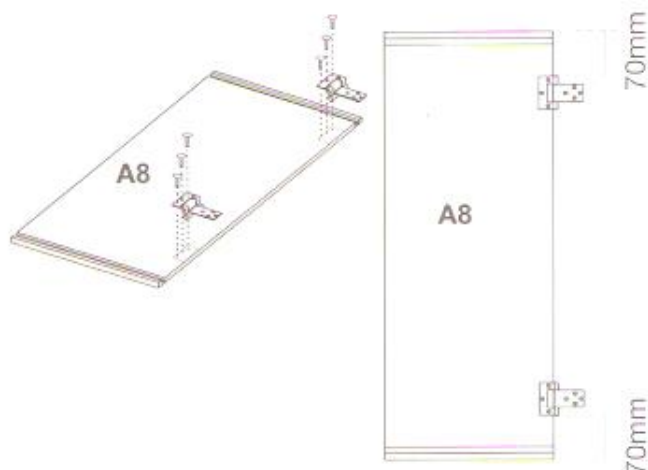
Apply glue to slots on Base **A1** & Mid Floors **A5** and locate Mid Walls **A6** as shown.



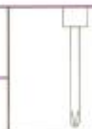
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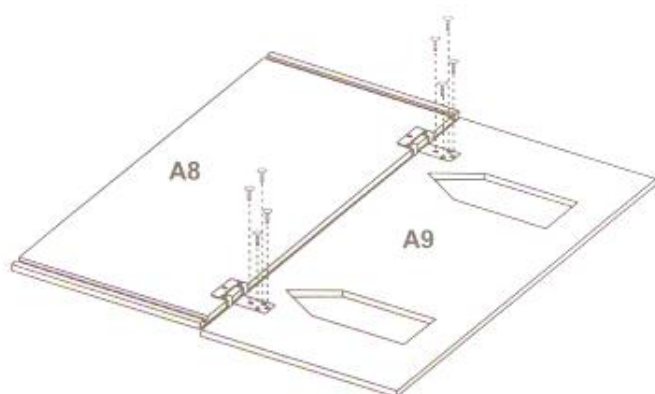
Locate 2 Hinges **B2** on Rear Roof Panel **A8** 70mm from edges and fit screws as shown.



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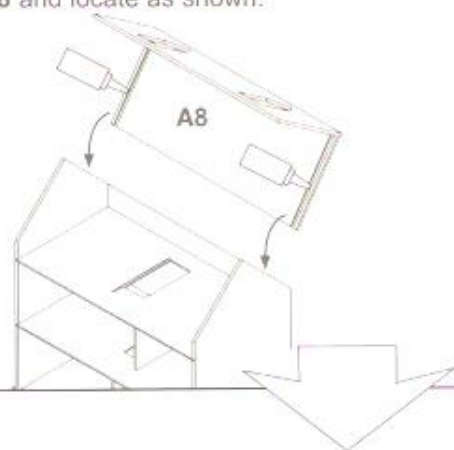
Locate Front Roof Panel **A9** along side with Back Roof Panel **A8** and fit screws as shown.



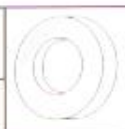
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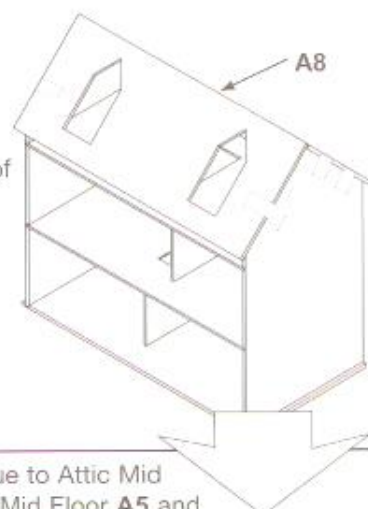
Apply glue to slots on Rear Roof Panel **A8** and locate as shown.



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Ensure that Front Roof Panel **A9** opens and closes freely, then fit masking tape to Rear Roof Panel **A8**.

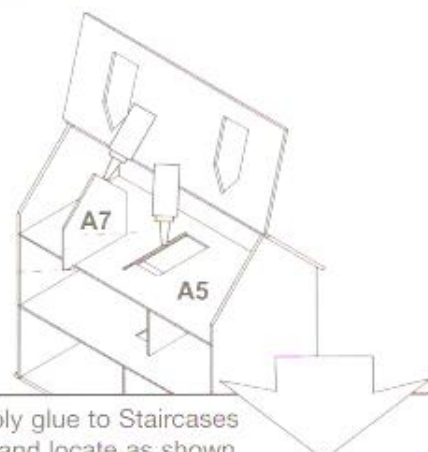


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Apply glue to Attic Mid Wall **A7**, Mid Floor **A5** and locate Attic Mid Wall **A7** as shown.

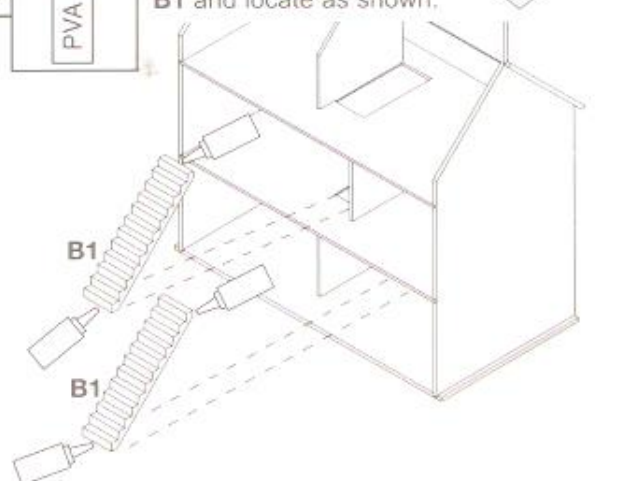
Check Front Roof Panel once more. Then fit masking tape to Front Roof Panel and allow roof to completely dry.



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Apply glue to Staircases **B1** and locate as shown.

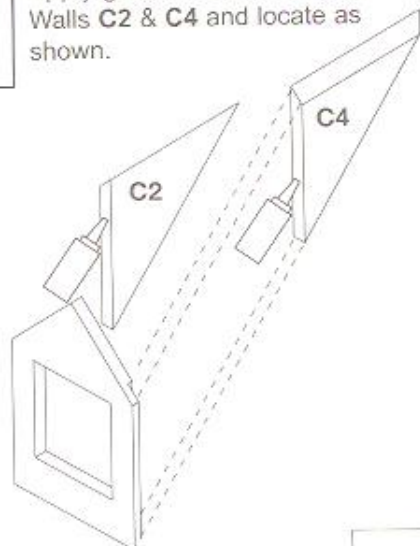


ASSEMBLING DORMER

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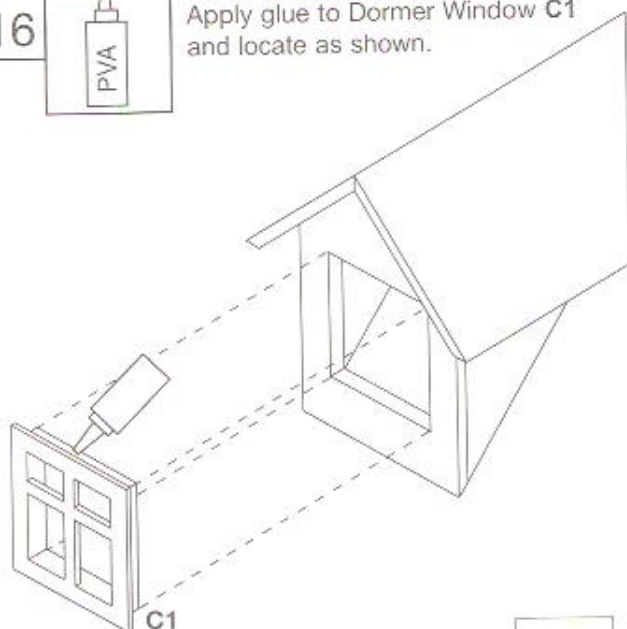
Apply glue to Left & Right Dormer Walls C2 & C4 and locate as shown.



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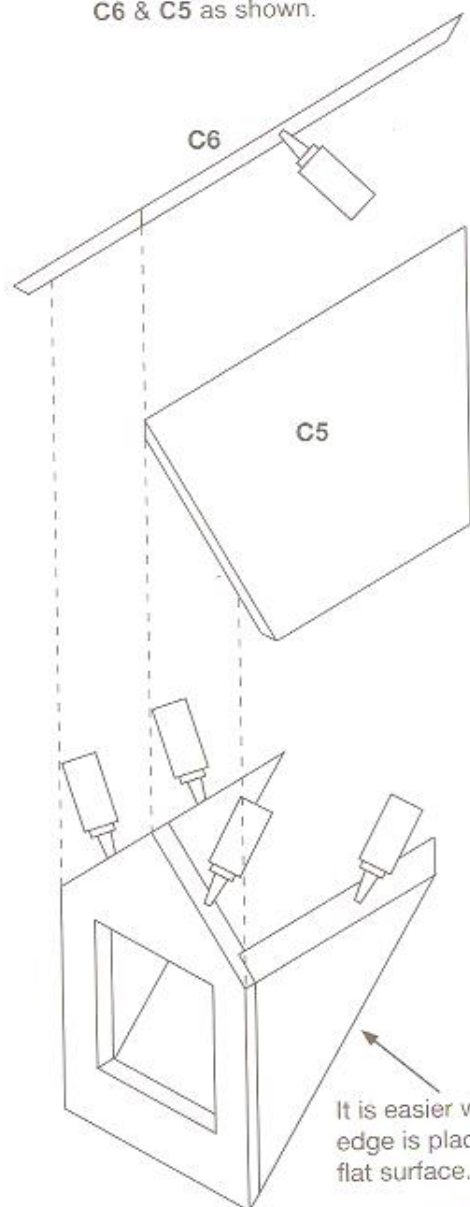
Apply glue to Dormer Window C1 and locate as shown.



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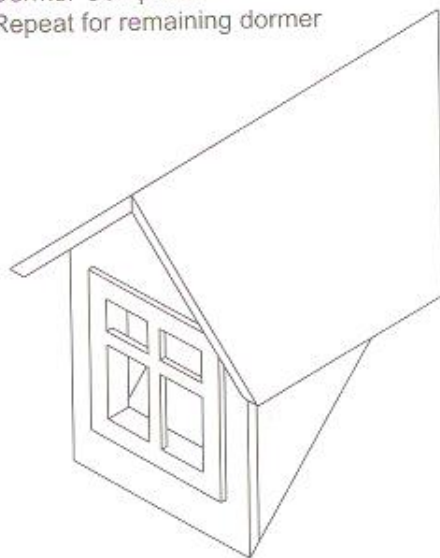
Apply glue to Left Dormer Roof Panel C6, top edges of Dormer Front & Walls and locate Left & Right Dormer Roof Panels C6 & C5 as shown.



It is easier when this edge is placed on a flat surface.

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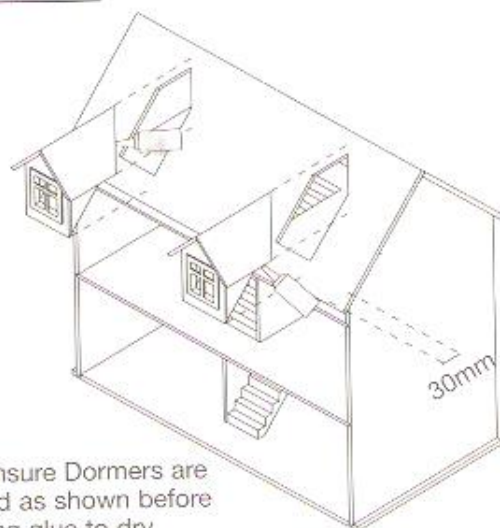
Dormer Complete.
Repeat for remaining dormer



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Apply glue to Dormer Assemblies A2 & A4 and locate Dormers as shown.

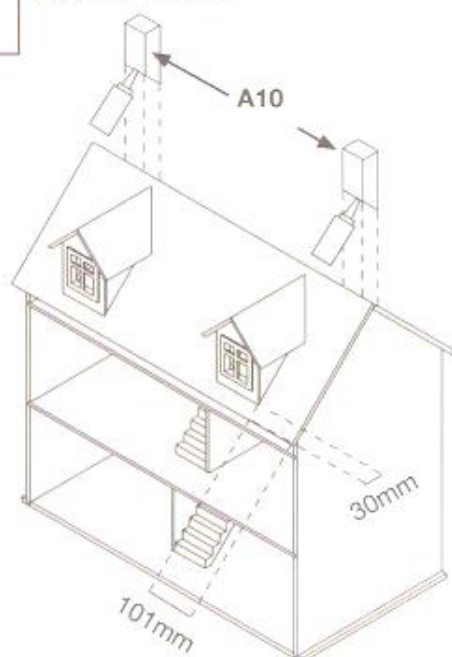


NB. Ensure Dormers are located as shown before allowing glue to dry.

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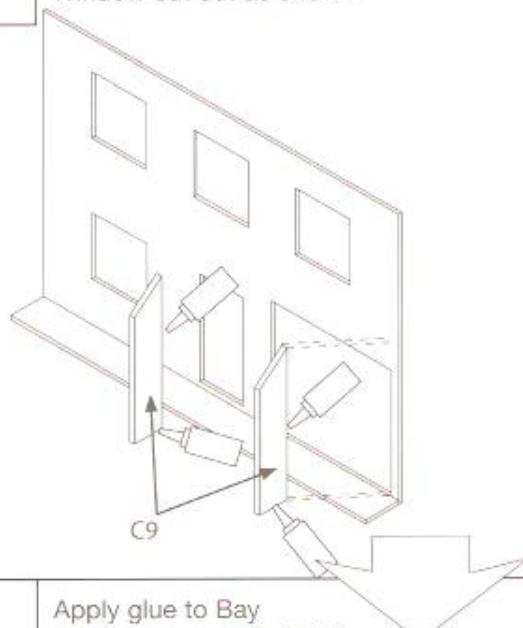
Apply glue to Chimneys **A10** and locate as shown below.



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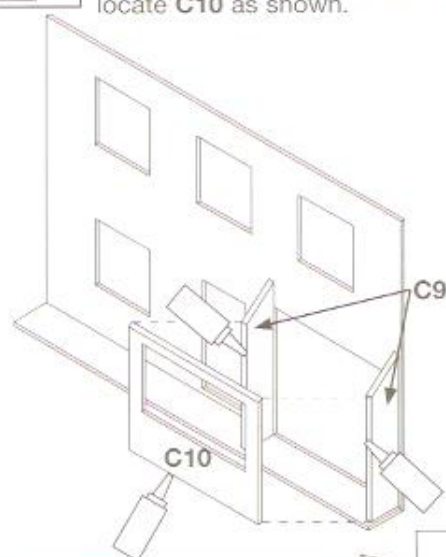
Apply glue to base Bay Window Side Panels **C9** and locate either side of Bay Window cut out as shown.



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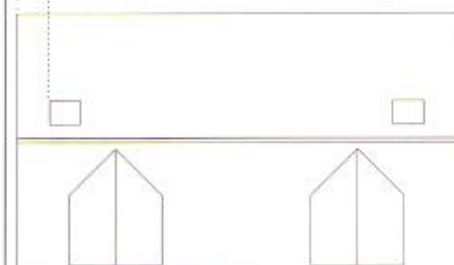
Apply glue to Bay Window Front Panel **C10**, & Bay Window Side Panels **C9** and locate **C10** as shown.



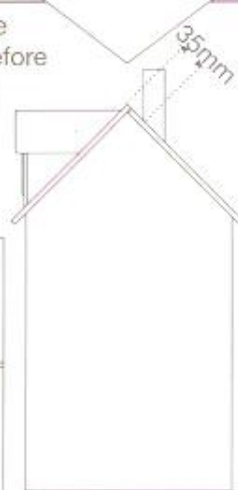
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Ensure Chimneys are located as shown before allowing glue to dry.

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Top View

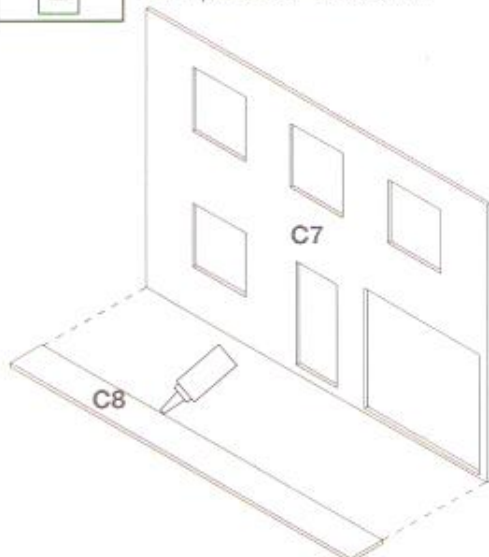


Side View

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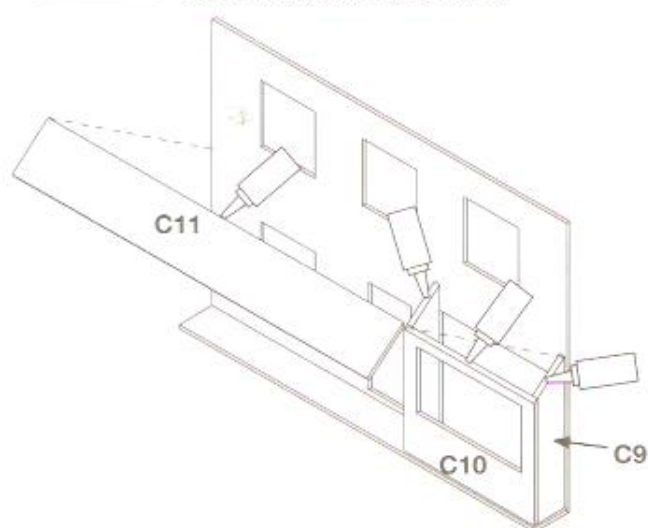
Apply glue Path **C8** and locate flush with bottom of front panel **C7** as shown.



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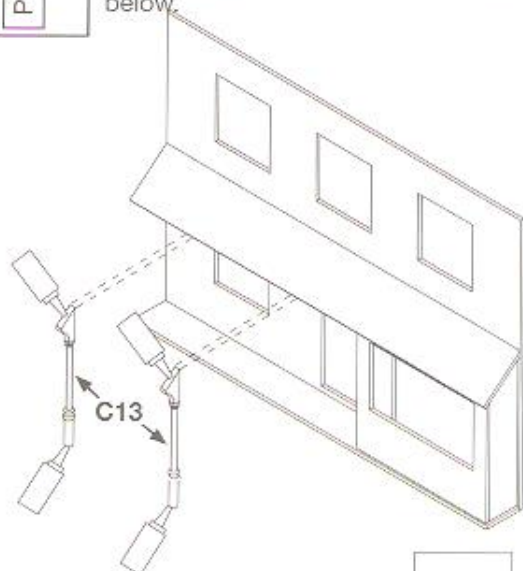
Apply glue to Bay Window Front & Side Panels **C10** & **C9**, back of Porch Roof **C11** and locate it as shown.



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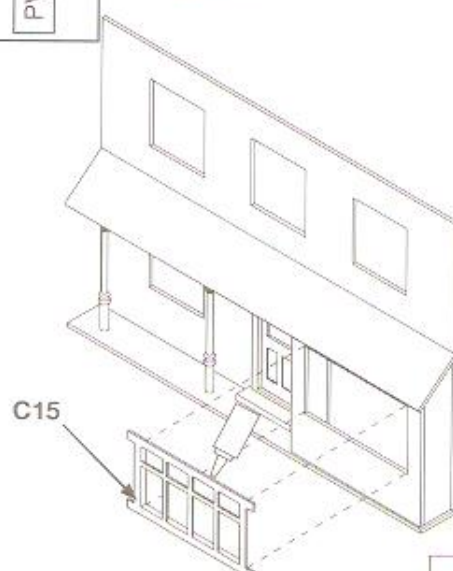
Apply glue to top and bottom of Columns **C13** and locate as shown below.



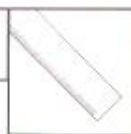
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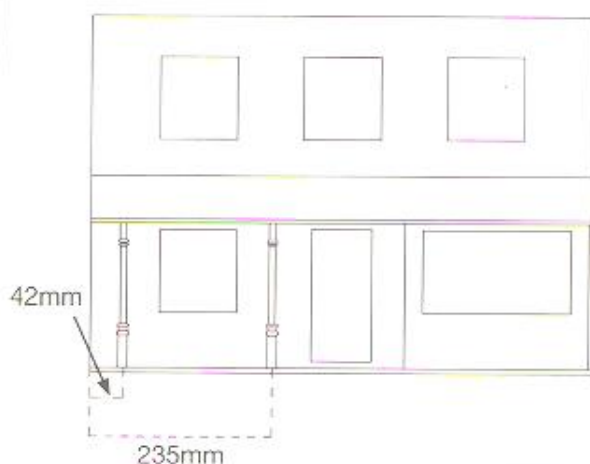
Apply glue to Bay Window **C15** and locate as shown.



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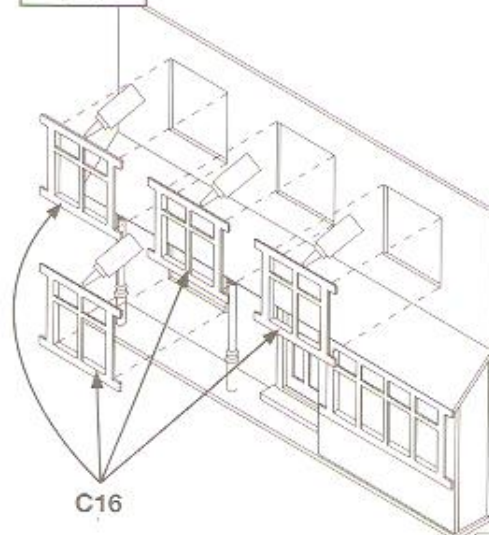
Ensure Columns are located as shown before allowing glue to dry.



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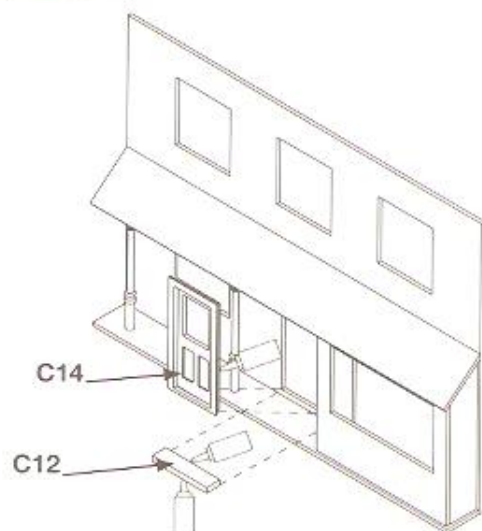
Apply glue to Windows **C16** and locate as shown.



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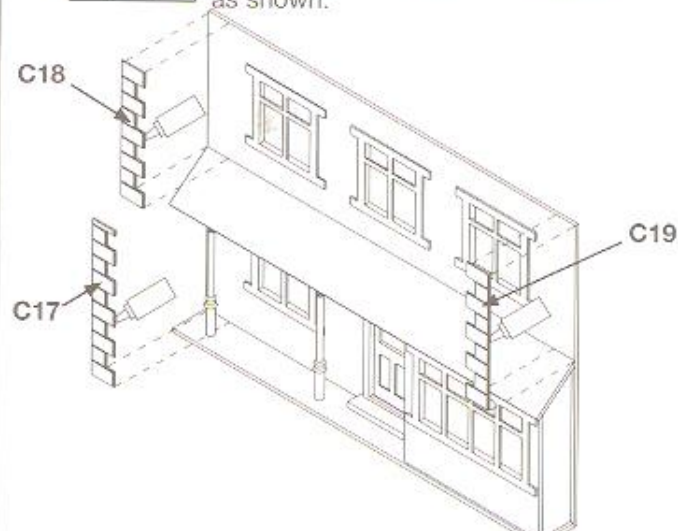
Apply glue to Front Door **C14**, Door Step **C12** and locate as shown.



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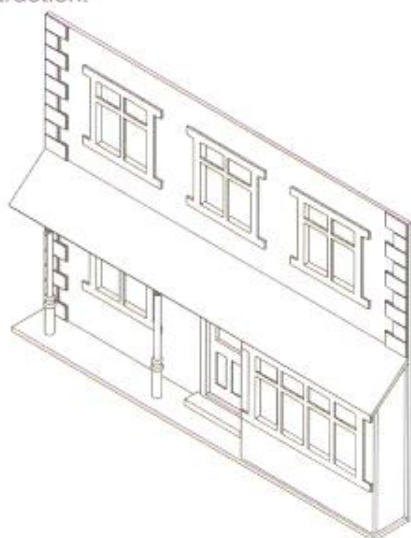


Apply glue to Lower Left, Upper Left & Right Corner Stones **C17**, **C18** & **C19** and locate as shown.



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Front Panel Assembly is now complete. Ensure all glue is completely dried before continuing with construction.



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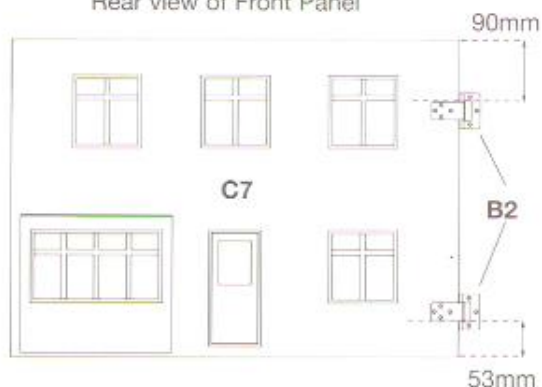


Locate Hinges **B2** 53mm from bottom and 90mm from top of Opening Panel **C7** as shown. Check hinges align centrally with large cornerstones on front of panel.

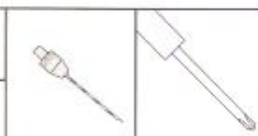
Mark holes through each hinge with a pencil.

Drill 1.5mm pilot holes and fit screws in each hinge.

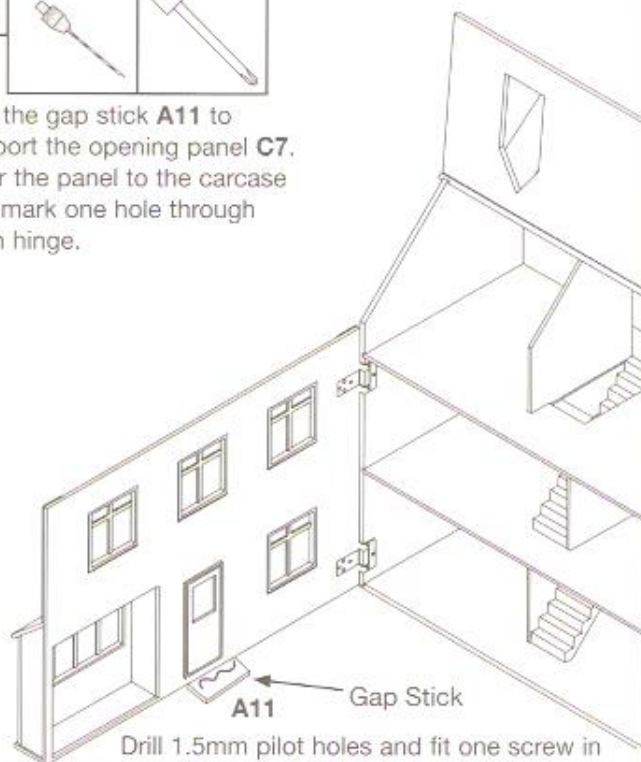
Rear view of Front Panel



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Use the gap stick **A11** to support the opening panel **C7**. Offer the panel to the carcase and mark one hole through each hinge.

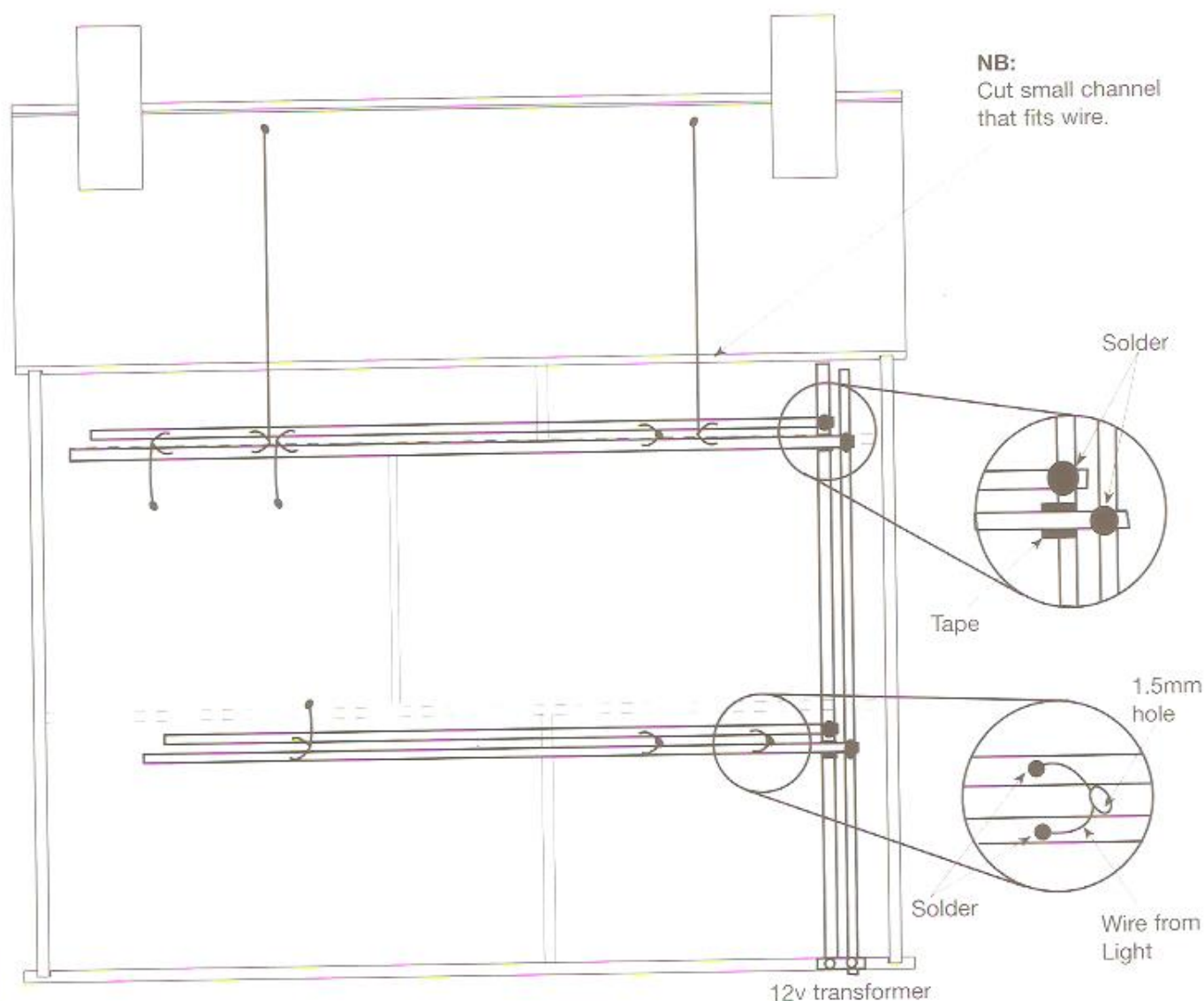


Drill 1.5mm pilot holes and fit one screw in each hinge. Check door moves freely and adjust if required before marking, drilling and finally fitting all screws.



Congratulations! You have completed your Springwood Cottage. We hope you are pleased with the result.

COPPER WIRING LAYOUT FOR SPRINGWOOD COTTAGE, LOCATED ON BACK OF HOUSE

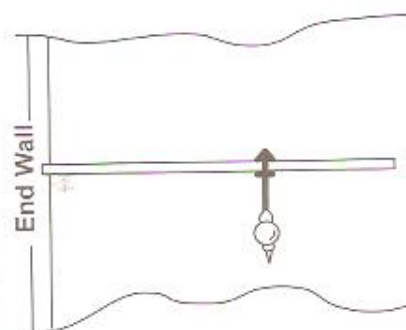
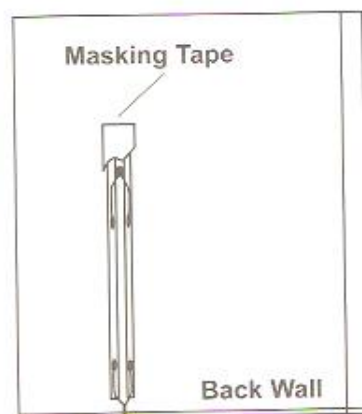
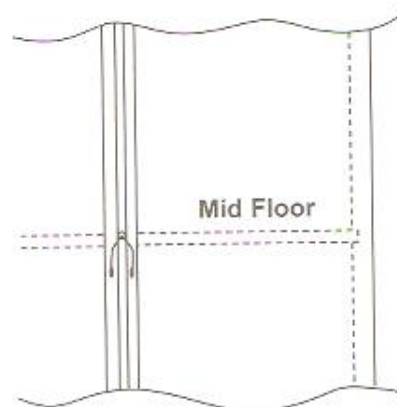


Diagrams to show fitting of a hanging light

1. View From Back

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

3. View From Front



Complete wiring instructions are given with our Wiring and Lighting Sets



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