

A MidTown Tree House

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Items used:

- #42024 MidTown Kit
- #7388 Salt and Pepper Asphalt Square Shingle Strips
- #1238 Gutter Moulding
- #7167 1/4" Channel Moulding
- #7510 1/4" Channel Moulding
- #7515 1/8" x 3/4" Strip Wood Set
- #9146 1/4" Strip Wood
- #9671 Ribbed Roofing/Siding Sheet
- #9754 Corrugated Roofing/Siding
- #23300 Rosie the Stretching Orange Cat
- #45114 Traditional Wood Flooring Paper
- #52218 1948 Ford F-1 Pickup Truck with Flatbed
- #55983 Blue Desk Chair
- #81431 1/16" Quarter Round Moulding (shortened)
- #82016 Hinged Window

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Crafty Extras:

- The house sits on four corner dowels. For stability, the dowels are screwed to a lower platform and their tops are braced together by four square dowels.
- Window trim, gutters, downspouts and clapboard siding were painted in Behr's Rainforest M440-7 Eggshell paint.
- The picture window measures 8"W x 7"H. Five horizontal frames were assembled separately using #9146 Strip Wood. These were then glued to a sheet of wax paper and then backed with a sheet of parchment paper.
- Color the posts with metallic chrome paint. A silver metallic marker is helpful for touch ups. Make holes with a 3/64 drill bit. Cut 18 gauge green floral wire slightly longer than needed to allow adjustments when installing. Thread floral wire through holes. Check the wires for alignment and uniform length then glue. Assemble the front and side panels separately. Glue side panels to the house then glue front panel to the side panels.
- Solar Panel-Paint a piece of card stock with several coats of dark blue paint. Weight it down while drying so that it does not warp. Draw in the technology lines using a white very fine tipped marker. Cut the Quarter Round Moulding (#81431) to frame the card stock and color it with a metallic silver marker. Glue the framing in place. To mount the solar panel, cut scrap



cardboard into three strips that are narrow enough to fit between the ribs of the Ribbed Roofing or Siding Sheet (#9671). Gently fold the cardboard strips in half. Glue one half of each strip to the Siding Sheet and the other halves to the back of the solar panel.

- To make the Agave plants, press fresh lavender stems for about two weeks. Reserve only those that retained their color. Pinch several together and secure them with masking tape at the base of their stems. Press clay around the base of the stems to stand them upright.
- Driveway - Glue down two strips of Asphalt Shingles (#7388). Place them tire width apart. Then glue green felt around the asphalt strips to resemble artificial turf.
- The gravel is Aqua Natural's Aquarium Substrate in Gold Pearl.
- The tree canopies are made from dried lavender branches. They were first taped to the dowels then topped with reindeer moss that was glued in place. To resemble tree trunks, the wooden dowels were wrapped in foil, masking tape and tissue paper then painted in shades of brown.