

# Dollhouse Restoration

Do you have an old dollhouse and dream of restoring it but do not know where to start? Many of our customers describe being in this situation. The following steps and [links](#) to supplementary information aim to help you get started. They serve as a project road map.

## Exterior

### Step 1.

When restoring a dollhouse, replacing the shingles is a good place to start. They are easy to remove, simple to install (assuming a simple roofline), independent from most everything else on the house, economical and immediately rewarding.

Click on [roofing](#) for more information.

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### Step 2.

A new front door and windows can be next. The old should be easy to remove and the new would be fun to select, finish and install. However, know that doors and windows are typically the last to go on a new dollhouse and therefore the first to come off a remodel. If you plan to continue on with the project as detailed below, select and finish a new door and windows, just do not install them yet.

Click on [windows and doors](#) for more information.

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### Step 3.

From here, you could replace the exterior siding. The siding likely runs under the doors, windows, and trim, so these will need to be removed before the siding is removed. Keep what you remove for patterns.

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## Interior

### Step 4.

Replace flooring and wallpaper at the same time. They meet where the floor meets the walls; the seam is usually covered with baseboard molding. Remove and save this molding. Remove and save all window and door interior trim. Removing wallpaper can be a chore. You may opt for papering over the existing wall coverings. Removing flooring can also be a chore. In this case, the effort is worthwhile.

Click on [wallpaper](#) and [flooring](#) for more information.

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### Step 5.

The most complex consideration is wiring for working lights. Is the house you are remodeling already wired? If not, then using battery-operated lights is a simple and quick option. If yes, then the wiring is a consideration as you replace the siding, floors and wall coverings.

Click on [lighting and electrical](#) for more information.

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You can read much more, including about Tools of the Trade, on our site at our [How to Guide: How to Build a Dollhouse Step-By-Step](#).

Contact us at [support@miniatures.com](mailto:support@miniatures.com) with specific questions as you make progress with your dollhouse remodel project. Enjoy!