



# Smithsonian Associates

## **Build A Tiny House**

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Hello,

I'm looking forward to our Build a Tiny House class. No experience required! Just plan to experiment, take chances, & have fun. Wear old clothes (including old pants and old shoes). Wear something you don't mind getting paint on.

Below is a list of miscellaneous items if you'd like to include in YOUR tiny house. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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### **Supplies:**

- Roll of tape, (masking tape works best -1")
- Scissors
- Xacto knife
- Surface to cut on
- Ruler, straight edge
- Glue stick (such as Elmer's, Avery, UHU etc.) (large size if available- .77 oz)
- Metal spoon
- Small bowl for mixing up paper mache or plastic deli/margarine container
- Newspapers, or old magazines, scrap paper, junk mail, etc.
- Cardboard containers (any size), (for ex. Milk cartons, Oatmeal, Coffee)
- Mat board scraps
- Cardboard from food containers (for ex. cereal boxes, frozen food packaging)
- Cardboard
- Acrylic paint, including white acrylic paint to prime your house
- Brushes
- Containers for paint, water (for ex. takeout container with lid), and extra lids for mixing color

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**For paper mache:**

- Flour, salt, water

**OPTIONAL:**

- Acrylic gesso paint
- Acrylic gel medium
- YES glue
- Kwik Seal CLEAR adhesive Caulk\* (my preference for attaching metal, bling, heavier items) or Hot glue gun

**Optional for making photo transfers:**

- Magazines, newspapers, photocopies- if you have laser copies
- Clear contact paper (from hardware store, or purchase online)
- Con-Tact Brand Shelf Liner and Privacy Film, Clear Cover Self-Adhesive Semi-Transparent Liner, 18" x 20', Clear Matte)

**Think about making prints on your house with textures you might find with:**

- Packaging materials, bubble wrap, corrugated cardboard, Cardboard coffee protectors (Starbucks, etc)
- Paper clips

**Even more ideas:**

This is from a list I've given out to students (adults and children)

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Here are some suggestions for items to use in collage/mixed media art - do not limit yourself to this list! It is best to have MORE items than you need to make choices of what to include in your collages!

- Found objects & small items from home, or nature:
- Items that "catch your eye" (shiny, colorful, or drab) - Items with texture (not flat, but having ridges)  
String or ribbon

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- Packing materials  
Cardboard coffee protectors (Starbucks, etc)
- Bottle caps
- (Clean) candy or gum wrappers
- Postcards or maps  
Twigs, leaves, or dried flowers
- Postage stamps (used)
- Old medals from pets
- Small vacation souvenirs (Used train tickets, airline, bus passes, transfers)
- Old workplace, or home memorabilia
- Key chains or magnets of miniature objects, icons
- (Stray) buttons, game pieces, scrabble letters, domino, chess pieces
- Sea shells  
Decals, stickers, labels
- Old magazines  
Beads  
Fabric, Lace, sewing notions  
Photographs or photocopies ((letter or photographs of significance) may be photocopied so as not to destroy.  
Please note: items may be altered, cut up, or painted over. Items (letter or photographs of significance) may be photocopied so as not to destroy.