

# MAKE A Cereal Box House



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Best for children ages 4 and up  
(requires the help of a parent).

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

- Empty cereal box
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Craft knife (with parental supervision)
- Markers, construction paper, or paint
- Glue or glue stick

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Flatten the cereal box and cut off the flaps on the top and the bottom.
2. Use scissors to cut away the front panel of the cereal box. When propped up, the box should still stand on its own.
3. Flip the cardboard over so the inside of the box is now facing up (this will be the outside of the house).
4. Cut the skinny side flaps of the cereal box so they are about as half as tall as the center panel.
5. Trim the center panel into a roof. It can be whatever design you'd like- triangular, sloped, or even flat.
6. Use the ruler to draw in the doors and windows in the center panel of the box.
7. Use scissors to cut the door open, leaving it attached on one side to create a flap so it can open and shut.
8. With the help of a parent, use a craft knife to cut open the windows in the shape of a capital I down the center of the window (optional). Cutting in this shape will create window "shutters" that can open and close. If you don't have a craft knife, color the windows however you'd like.
9. Decorate the cereal box house with markers, paint, or construction paper. When finished, stand the cereal box upright. You can also create scenes on white paper that can be taped behind the windows and door.