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A Do-It-Yourself (DIY) HDB Diorama Kit

Introduction

Before Singapore became independent in 1965, many people lived in shophouses and kampungs with poor living conditions.

In 1960, the Housing and Development Board (HDB) was set up by the new government to quickly build simple blocks of flats to provide affordable rental housing for people.

By the 1970s, HDB started building flats that were larger and had better designs. HDB estates also had shops, schools, hawkers centres and light factories around. More people started moving from shophouses and kampungs into these HDB flats.

Ask your family members about the type of housing that they lived in back in the 1970s and 1980s. With the stories you have gathered, create a diorama mock-up of your family's own HDB flat of the 1970s and 1980s!

Instructions

1. Select and colour in the items that you like to include in your diorama.
2. Tear along the perforated lines of the items.
3. Where applicable, fold along the dotted lines to create a 3D model.
4. Stick double-sided tape or apply glue to the areas marked by grey boxes to connect the items.
5. Decide how you would like to place individual items inside the box or attach them to the base of the box.

Additional Materials You Will Need

- Coloured pencils / markers
- Some double-sided tape
- A recycled box (e.g. shoe box)

Get Curious!

Stories of You & Me

Children's Section of the National Museum 2021

Story Collector Starter Pack

Paper Doll

School Uniform

Colour in the templates of your school uniform or uniform design! Cut along the dotted lines. Use the paper doll for all to see!



L2 Glass Atrium

Get Curious! Artefact

Does anything on the sticker sheet remind you of your life? Look at the labels and head there to look for it!

What's in your bedroom?



Ceramic pillow
Gathered by: [Name]



Wooden table
Gathered by: [Name]

Create your own nametag

Use your name, or perhaps give yourself a title like "The Museum Explorer" or "Story Collector".

What reminds you of school?



Wooden pencil case
Gathered by: [Name]



School bag
Gathered by: [Name]



The pen
Gathered by: [Name]



Toothbrush and eraser
Gathered by: [Name]



Country flag eraser
Gathered by: [Name]



Socks
Gathered by: [Name]

Note Book