

Room with a View with Jane Glynn

What you will need:

- a shoebox (or similar sized box)
- scissors/craft knife and cutting mat (be careful!)
- glue/double-sided tape

And any/all of the following:

- extra scraps of card (cereal packets etc)
- fabric scraps
- needle and cotton
- paints/crayons/marker pens
- wrapping papers

First:

- Draw a window shape on the back wall of your box and cut it out.
- You can use any size of box – it doesn't have to be a shoebox.
- Cut off any extra flaps so that you just have a rectangular box with a window shape in the back.
- Decorate the walls, floor and ceiling of your box-room.
- You could use paint, crayons or felt pens straight onto the cardboard.
- Or you could design some wallpaper first. Look on the internet to see if you can find some designs you'd like to copy/print or use wrapping paper or your own design.

Next:

- Design and make your own furniture out of scraps of card/paper.
- If you copy the shapes in the example onto cardboard you can fold them to make a chair, a table and a bed.
- Use paint/felt pens/coloured pencils to add colour or patterns.
- You might like to adapt the designs by making the legs wider or the bed longer. Make sure the legs are all the same length!
- What other furniture could you make? Small boxes make excellent cupboards or chests of drawers –draw on the front to make them look more realistic.
- Create some cushions, curtains and bed covers with scraps of fabric or paper.
- Look in a magazine for a tiny picture you could frame for the wall (or paint your own) – cut out and decorate a frame made of cardboard.

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Finally:

- Find a beautiful view and place your room so that you can see the view through the window.
- You might find a view through a real window/draw or paint a view of your own or find one in a picture book.
- If you use a picture, make sure it is much bigger than the cut-out window and place your box so that there is a gap between the window and your image – then you'll be able to see it from different angles.
- You could create different views showing different times of day/weather/places.

Further Ideas:

- Create rooms and views from favourite stories.
- Create characters to inhabit your room.
- Develop stories using your room and view as settings.
- Make animations/videos of characters in the room.
- Family members could each develop a room and add them together to create a house or block of flats.
- Use LED lights to create ambient lighting in your room.
- Make drawings of paintings of your room.

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