



The Lantern House

STORYTIME KIT



Your home has seen the story of your life! It has held you through the good days and the bad. Celebrate your home with this storytime kit.

This kit contains a coloring page, spot the difference and matching activities, and a popsicle stick craft—everything you need to appreciate home! Looking for more cozy ideas?



Think about all the memories you've made in your home! Write or tell a story about a memory in one particular room.



The Lantern House is almost as beautiful on the outside as it is inside! Take inspiration from the book and HGTV's *Home Town* and find a project to decorate the outside of your house or apartment. Plant some flowers, make over your mailbox, create a door wreath, or hang a drawing in the window!



The house in the book is full of sounds, scents, and the sensation of being lived in. Plan an activity to experience with your home. Dance along to some lively music, cook a new and fragrant dish, have an impromptu photoshoot, or come up with your own idea to bond with the place you live!



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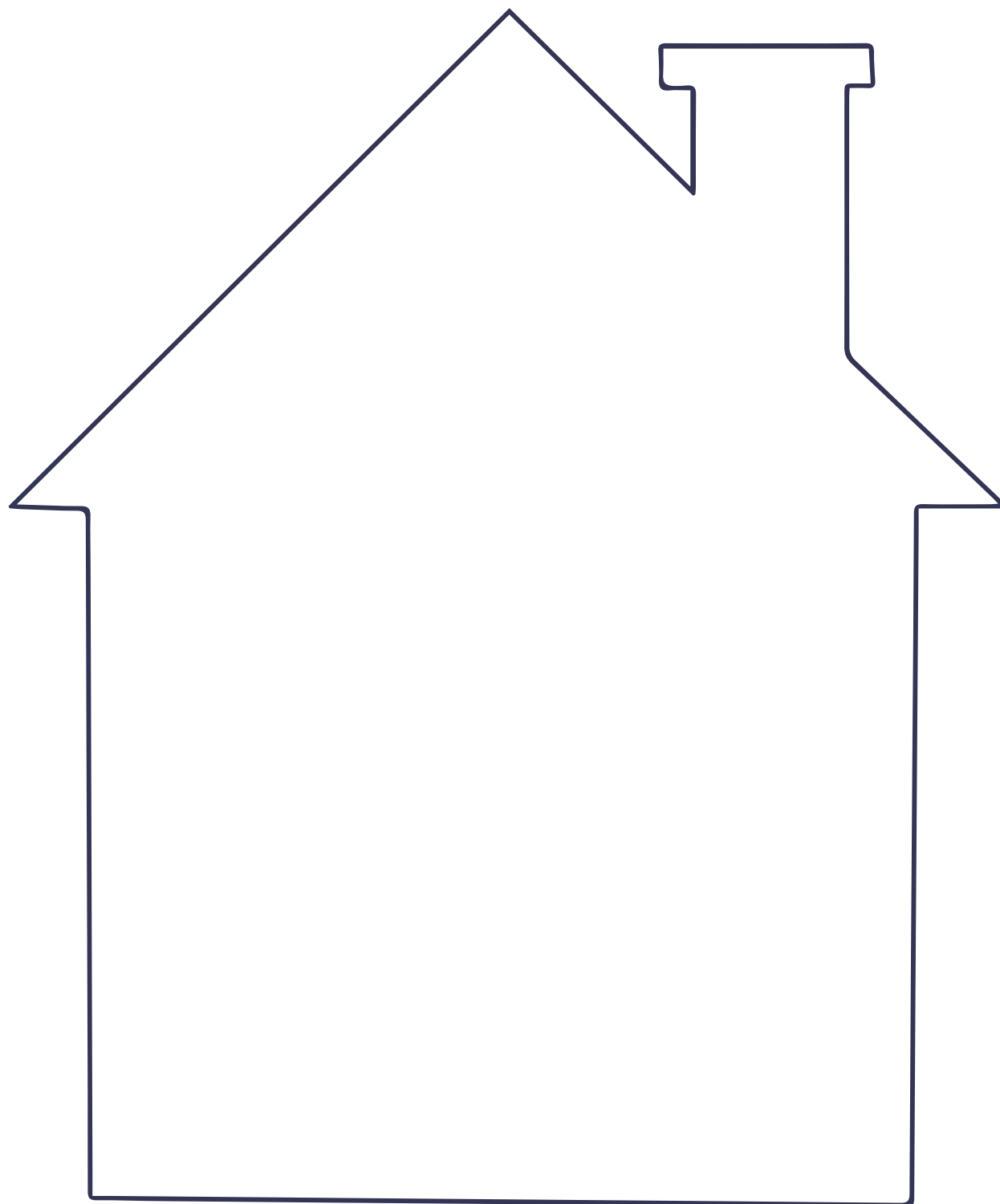


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COLORING PAGE



Homes come in many shapes and sizes, but they all shelter and treasure us.
Design your dream house!



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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Can you find the five differences between these two images?



ANSWER KEY: 1. MISSING SIDEWALK CHALK STAR 2. MAILBOX IS A DIFFERENT COLOR 3. LAMP IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FRONT DOOR 4. MISSING DOG 5. ARTIST'S HEADBAND IS A DIFFERENT COLOR



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MATCHING GAME



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Cut out the squares along the dotted lines (or ask an adult to help you!)
2. Flip the pictures facedown on a table and mix them up.
3. Grab a friend and take turns trying to match two of the same house.
4. Whoever has the most house pairs at the end is the winner!



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POPSICLE STICK HOUSE



Build your own house to watch over you through the years!

WHAT YOU'LL NEED



Popsicle sticks



Scissors



Glue



Markers or paint



INSTRUCTIONS

1. To make the walls, lay out four rows of sticks and glue perpendicular support sticks at the top and bottom of each row. You may want to ask an adult for help!
2. Turn two of the walls on their sides and cut off the top corners to form the front and back of the house. Glue the four walls together.
3. To make the roof, glue popsicle sticks along the top edges of the front and back walls.
4. Decorate your house with whatever color or design you want!
5. Experiment with making extra rooms, doors and windows, or even furniture!



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