

## History

Throughout the later half of the 19th century and well into the 20th century many architectural firms offered stock house plans that could be purchased for use in constructing homes throughout the country. Often these plans were published in elaborately illustrated catalogs for prospective homeowners to browse and dream of their next purchase.

The Tower House is based on a catalog design by Palliser, Palliser & Co, Architects of Bridgeport CT. Originally shown in their 1878 catalog, it offered "... a comfortable, convenient cottage home of six rooms, with Tower, which is designed to command a view of the surrounding country where erected. Cost, \$ 1,700". How times have changed.....

### Kit Basics:

Our kit consists of laser-cut wood components. Many of the parts are backed with a peel and stick coating to ease assembly. Assembly is not difficult, but being such an ornate house be prepared to spend a little time on the house.

You will need a few basic tools and supplies to build the kit. A sharp hobby knife and white glue are all that is required for most of the assembly. Some modelers might find a single-edged razor blade helpful.

Components are held on the larger sheets with small tabs. Use a sharp knife or razor to remove the parts by cutting through the tabs. We recommend that you remove the parts as you use them. It's easier to keep track of them this way....

We use white glue (Elmer's or similar) for the wood-to-wood joints. Yellow carpenter's wood glue or ACC ("super glue") can also be used. It can be helpful to use bits of masking tape to hold corners together while the glue dries.

The peel and stick adhesive allows the part locations to be adjusted slightly when first applied, but will set up to a permanent bond in a few hours.

### Painting:

It is easier to paint many of the parts before or during assembly. If you choose to use water-based paints please be sure to paint both sides of the wood siding to minimize warping. Don't panic if the wood warps while the paint is wet, in most cases it will straighten out after it dries.

### Before you begin:

We recommend that you read through the instructions as well as the picture diagrams before you begin each step. This will help prevent any assembly mistakes. Dry fitting pieces before you glue will help as well.



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