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3-D Home Kit: All You Need To Construct A Model Of Your Own Home Or Addition



Synopsis

The 3-D Home Kit lets you experience some of the work and rewards of being an architect, as you design and construct a detailed, three-dimensional model of your own house design. The kit includes complete poster-board materials from brick, stone, siding, roofing and decking to windows, doors, skylights, kitchen cabinets and appliances to construct a 1/4-inch scale model up to approximately 2,500 square-feet. There are also poster-board materials for interior walls and stairs, plus an 18 by 24 inch Floor Plan Grid, and Scale Ruler & Roof Slope Calculator. Each sheet is 12 by 18 inches illustrated with a building material on one side and a 1/4-inch grid on the other side. The grid makes it easier to construct your model and the illustrations give the model realistic detail. Step-by-step instructions and seven house designs you can build are provided (if you don't want to design your own). There are also several Youtube videos of 3-D Home Kit projects. Whether you're planning a real or dream home, the 3-D Home Kit will help you develop your skills and imagination as you experience first-hand how architects, designers and engineers work (it's challenging work). One user described the kit as "like Lego® Architecture on steroids." Duke University's "Gifted Letter" awarded the 3-D Home Kit (along with the Home Quick Planner, also by Daniel Reif) top honors. The editor wrote, "The planner and kit provide everything needed to design and build a model home... furniture, windows, stairways, and appliances, right down to the ironing board... and bring the user through the architectural process from idea to finished product." If you enjoy architecture, the 3-D Home Kit is for you. Please upload photos of your model to this page. Thanks.

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Customer Reviews

After reading some strongly positive and negative reviews, I felt that as the inventor of the 3D Home Kit, I should provide an overview. I invented the 3D Home Kit in 1983, to help homeowners construct detailed, three-dimensional, scale models of their own new home, addition and remodeling projects. The kit is based on my experience at Pratt Institute School of Architecture, from which I graduated in 1971, where I learned that constructing a model is the best way to design and visualize your building project. One of the first things I did with the prototype kit was to build a model house and compare it with a professional built model, costing hundreds of dollars; and when I saw that the kit model was similar quality, I knew that I had accomplished my goal. The 3D Home Kit was an immediate success and over two-hundred thousand have been sold. As part of its success, the kit has been used in schools to assist in teaching architectural design, as well as math, history, writing, and home economics. I have been interested in pursuing the educational use of the kit and worked ten summers developing and teaching an architecture and mathematics workshop for high school students. My students thoroughly enjoyed the kit and their work has been outstanding as they designed and built wonderful models of their own dream homes. When I worked with students, one question I had was whether to make a new "student" version of the 3D Home Kit. I spoke with several teachers who used the kit and one of them gave me the key: students are clever and quick to respond, and if you give them a professional kit they will give you their best "professional" effort, whereas if you give them a "student kit" then they will give you a typical student effort. Therefore, this is not a "student" kit.

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