

Curtains for a Bay Window

Dolls' houses often have bay windows, usually at the front of the house, and these require curtains that look good both from the outside and the inside. This project is an easy way to curtain a bay window by fixing curtains with tie-backs at either side and using a valance to give the illusion that the curtains can be drawn round the bay.

You will need

Basic Tool Kit (see page 13)

Curtain pattern (see page 61) and valance (see page 62)

Fine cotton fabric in a small print

Fine white lace: 10mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in) wide and 35.5cm (14in) long

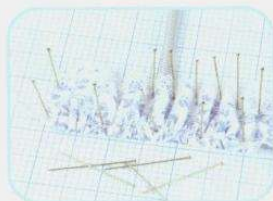
Thin card (cardstock)

2 gold-coloured beads

Measurements

The patterns given are for a dolls' house bay window with an inside opening of 11cm ($4\frac{1}{4}$ in) wide and 12cm ($4\frac{7}{8}$ in) high. If your bay window is a different size, adjust the curtain and valance patterns accordingly (see Measuring miniature windows, page 14).

- 1** Cut out the curtains using the pattern and glue the side and bottom hems. Sew two lines of gathering threads 3mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ in) from the top edge of each curtain and pull up the gathers until it is the width of a side window. Pin and drape for tie-backs, then steam and stiffen.



- 3** Cut two card strips, the width of the top of each curtain and 13mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ in) deep. Glue the top of each curtain to one of these. Make tie-backs from the lace and stitch to the curtains with a gold-coloured bead.



- 2** Cut out and make up the valance using the pattern provided. Glue a line of fine lace along the bottom and sew the first line of gathering thread 1.5mm ($\frac{1}{16}$ in) from the hemmed top edge. Pull up the gathers so that the valance will fit all round the inside of the bay plus 6mm ($\frac{1}{4}$ in). Pin, drape, steam and stiffen. Glue each side under 3mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ in) to neaten.



- 4** Glue the card-backed tops of the curtains in place above the side windows of the bay, bending the card slightly to fit if necessary around any curves. Glue the valance over the tops of the curtains all round the inside of the bay. Glue the beaded end of each tie-back to the edge of each window.