

toddler studio:

Meet the Model Maker

Today we met the Carter's exhibition designer, who creates the designs for art exhibitions! Whether building new gallery walls at the Carter or rearranging a cozy bedroom at home, it's always fun to play with the important spaces in our lives. Let's work together to plan, design, and build our own dollhouse models!

PLANNING:

What kind of dollhouse would you like to make? Start by sharing your ideas with one another! You could make a miniature version of your home or the Carter galleries or something totally new. What will your space need? What do you want it to look like? Who will live inside? Even if your toddler isn't quite so talkative, modeling these collaborative discussions will help build vocabulary and social skills.

DESIGNING:

Now, create a design for your dollhouse! Take pictures, make drawings, or scribble notes. Play with rulers, different types of patterned paper, and colorful drawing tools. Look through magazines and books together, pointing out your favorite colors and spaces. Take turns sharing ideas with one another.

BUILDING:

It's time to start construction! Together with your grown-up, make your dollhouse using any materials you have on hand. Shoe boxes, clean recyclables, and blocks all work well for this project. Looking for a challenge? Practice switching roles between architect and construction worker (take turns giving and listening to instructions).



books

iFiesta! by Ginger
Foglesong Guy

Hello Lighthouse by
Sophie Blackall

Freight Train by
Donald Crews

Story Boat by Kyo
Maclear and
Rashin Kheiriyeh

The Box Turtle by
Vanessa Roeder

*Jasper & Ollie Build a
Fort* by Alex Willan

The Balcony
by Melissa Castrillón