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# SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

Hi everyone!

This week we invite you to take part in a very special activity - building a room in a shoebox as part of the Giant Doll's House Project. *Giant Dolls' House Project* is a social arts project initiated by Catja de Haas which aims to *'make people aware of the importance of a home and community for all and to celebrate a united diversity'.* The project is also a celebration of miniatures and *'finding out by making'.*

Previously, rooms created by people through the project have been exhibited in giant installations where the rooms are connected together with ladders and steps to create one big Dolls' House. During lockdown however, the 'Alone Together' project saw people submitting images of their completed rooms for an online exhibition.

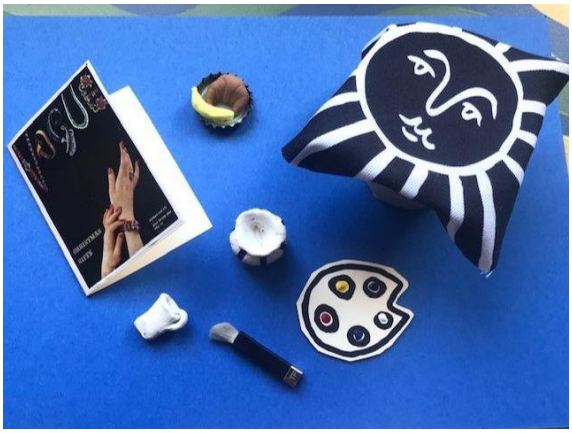
The *'Alone Together'* project has finished but Giant Dolls' House is still happy to receive shoebox images and descriptions!

Alice, lead artist for the Saturday Art Club has created a miniature artist studio in her shoebox - as you can see in the main image above. She said this about her box:

*'During lockdown and the on-going restrictions brought about by Covid I have been dreaming a lot about what my ideal creative work space would look like. Currently, I'm working from home - often on my kitchen table or wherever I can find a space! It works but I'm enjoying conjuring up imaginative spaces and playing around with what I can do from home. Making something on a miniature scale also works very well for me as my space is so limited!'*

## Here are some ideas for you:

- How did you use your home during lockdown? Did you use it differently? Can you show this in your shoebox? (school work at the kitchen table, exercising indoors, baking etc!)
- Do you like to make arts and crafts at home? If so, where do you do it? What does that space look like?
- If you could design the perfect dream room for you, what would it look like?



## Here are some simple instructions:

- To make your doll's house room - you will need a shoebox or box of any size, without a lid.
- Decorate it in a way that reflects your current experiences, emotions and surroundings, or something else that helps you find comfort in in these times.
- Use materials that you can find around your house such as natural materials, old magazines, newspapers, sweetie wrappers, bits of cardboard, bottle caps - anything goes!
- You will also need glue, scissors, paint pen, and paper (be careful with scissors!)
- You can make a box with members of your household or on your own.
- Along with your box, write a short story or explanation about it - just as Alice has done: *what you have made and why, or a simple thought to go with your box — we love hearing about your experiences!*

More practical, creative tips about making your box can be found here.

There is information about how to submit your shoebox image here. Alternatively you can send an image of your completed shoebox and a description to Alice Dansey-Wright (hi@alicemakes.com) who will submit it for you.

We would love to see your wonderful creations, share your work on social media and tag @platformglasgow and use the hashtags #satartclub #creativitymatters and #artistsudio if you can! Or email photos to info@platform-online.co.uk with a note of your name, age and if you are happy for us to share with our followers.

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