



# San Phra Phum Spirit House

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Size: 6"

## Did you know?

Before entering a home in Thailand, people always take their shoes off.

A spirit house, or san phra phum, is a miniature shrine that people in Thailand keep close to their home. These houses are often perched on a pillar and are usually made of wood, have intricate decorations, and are painted red. They are believed to help spirits who desire a place to live. People also leave offerings of food and other goods for these spirits.

## what you need

- Recycled individual milk carton
- White card stock or construction paper
- Acrylic paints: white, red
- Gold marker (or gold paint)
- Glue stick

## the basic stuff

scissors, ruler, black marker, paintbrush, newspaper (to cover work surface)

## how to make it

- 1 Wash and dry milk carton. Glue opening lid closed. Let dry.
- 2 On covered work surface, paint milk carton white (to cover markings). Let dry. Paint carton red. Let dry.
- 3 Trace and cut out patterns on page 63. Use black marker to draw and color in center section of door.
- 4 Use gold marker or gold paint to outline windows and color in roof ornaments and house corners. Let dry.
- 5 Glue roof ornaments on top of carton and house corners on each side of carton. Glue windows on side of carton and door on one side of carton. Let dry.
- 6 Use gold marker or paint to draw criss-cross lines on roof. Let dry.