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From Shutta Crum's workshop...

Build your own House in the Meadow!

You'll need:

- ✓ Milk cartons, shoeboxes, or smaller boxes
- ✓ Graham crackers
- ✓ Jar frosting or peanut butter
- ✓ Decorative trim: other crackers, marshmallows, gum drops, licorice whips, candy, bite-sized cookies, dry pasta, fruit roll-ups, etc.
- ✓ Aluminum foil for ponds and windows
- ✓ People, trees, or other small plastic toy accessories (if desired)

In a class setting, children can work with small groups to build a whole village.
 You can use construction paper or felt for groundcover, or use cotton batting to create a snowy landscape. At home, you can work together to create an edible centerpiece.

Spread frosting or peanut butter mortar over the sides of the box. Use graham crackers like wood planks to make the basic walls. Use contrasting crackers or fruit roll-ups for roof shingles. Leave room for lots of trim!



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