

# CICADA HABITAT DIORAMA INSTRUCTIONS

## STEP 1

Find a box that is 5 inches wide and 7  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall. Wheat Thins and similarly sized boxes work great!

## STEP 2

Cut a large hole in the front of the box. A rectangular hole is recommended, but feel free to get creative!

## STEP 3

Cut out the three diorama pieces on the page to your left along the dashed lines.

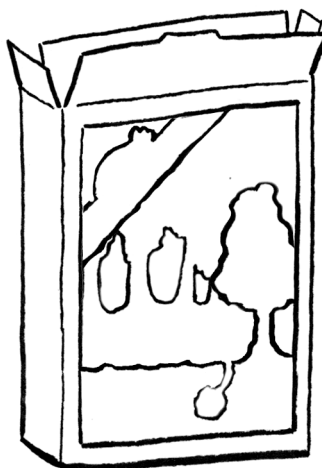
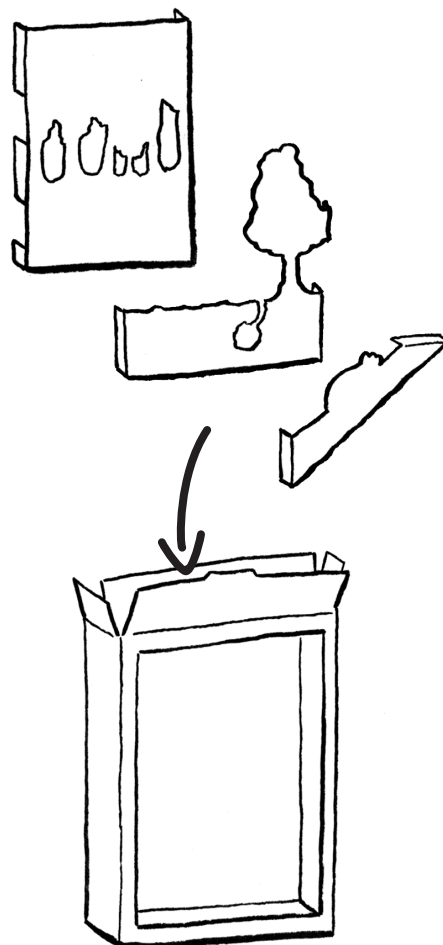
TIP: To cut out the trickier holes, place your paper on a soft surface (like carpet) and gently poke one blade of your scissors through the center of the area that needs to be cut out, and cut along the lines. Alternatively, with adult supervision, use an X-Acto knife to cut them out.

## STEP 4

Fold the tabs along the dotted lines.

## STEP 5

Starting with the cicada piece, glue along the folded tabs and slide the pieces into the box from the top, one piece at a time. For best results, space them  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches apart. Liquid glue works best, but a glue stick also works.



## BONUS

For an extra cool effect, cut a hole in the back of the box and shine a flashlight on the cicada nymph. A similar effect can be created by simply dropping a turned-on flashlight behind the forest panel.