The BAC AIROH ‘Pre-fab’ — from Beaufighters to Bungalows

So many houses had been destroyed by enemy bombing during the war that an emergency house-building plan was needed. The Bristol Aeroplane Company needed projects for their skilled metal workers who were no longer building warplanes, and designed this house which made much use of aluminium, obtained from melting down the un-wanted fighters and bombers.

Just like many IKEA products, these houses were pre-fabricated in four sections, which were joined together on site. They came complete with fitted kitchen with fridge and cooker, hot-water boiler, bathroom with toilet, and 2 bedrooms, and were much better equipped than lots of the older houses in the cities, many of which had no bathroom, and only had a bucket toilet at the end of the garden.

Until a few years ago, quite a lot of ‘Pre-fabs’ were still being lived in by their original owners, but most of the pre-fabs have now been removed and newer houses built. The company also built complete schools, at least two of which are still in use.

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Build Instructions :-

Decorate your model with curtains, roses or a cat before you start cutting out the pieces.

Cut out the sections carefully. Fold the corners between the walls.
Fold the wall joining tabs and roof support tabs inwards.
Paste the tabs to the walls to make the four house walls.
Fold roof eaves as shown.
Paste eaves to roof and walls, and roof to end wall tabs. Make sure it looks square.
Fold chimney and canopies, and stick on.