

The Golden House

The delights of licentious love may be compared to a house whose walls on the outside glow with a false hue of gold [like stones such as mica, selenite, and talc] while the rooms inside within the walls contain piles of dirt and trash of every kind.

In contrast, the delights of conjugal love may be likened to a house whose walls glisten as though of pure gold, and whose rooms within are sparkling, as though filled with treasure-troves of many precious things (see *Conjugal Love* 443).

Make a golden house filled with precious treasure!

Suggested Materials:

gold paper (such as foil wrapping paper) cut into the shape of a house
glue
colored glitter, plastic beads of many colors, or colored sequins

Note: If you can't find gold paper, you could prepare paper ahead of time by applying gold spray paint.

Procedure:

1. Cut out windows and make a door that opens. (If doing this project with preschoolers, you will need to precut the windows and the door for them.)
2. Glue the house to a paper plate, making sure that the door isn't glued shut.
3. Apply glue to the openings of the windows and the door. Sprinkle with colored glitter, plastic beads, or sequins.
4. Cut out the quote from conjugal love (see text slips below) and glue it onto the paper plate as well.



Optional: Make the Contrasting House (along with the Golden House)

To make the contrasting house, cut the house from neon colored paper—preferably green or orange. Glue to a paper plate. Apply glue in the window and door openings. Then sprinkle sand or dirt on the wet glue.

TEXT SLIPS

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