



## FISHSCALE SHINGLES

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Supplies:

Cereal or cracker box

Craft paints

Scalloped scissors. In the picture above, I used scallop scissors about 3/8" wide but other shapes and patterns will work. There's a picture below comparing 3/8" (10 mm) and 1/4" (7 mm) shingles.

Paint brushes and permanent marker

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Instructions

Open up box completely and cut off flaps. Lay print side up and mark lines across at 5/8" intervals. Turn it over and paint the inside the desired color. It may require two coats. When dry, cut along the lines into strips of scallops. Using a permanent ink marker a shade or so darker than your paint, color the bottom edge of your scallops by dragging the marker tip along that edge. Using the pointed end of your marker, make a line going up at each scallop. To highlight dab some lighter-colored paint near the bottom edge of some of the scallops, wiping off most of the paint in an upward motion each time. For the ridge cap just cut scallops on both sides of one strip and fold that strip over along the middle.

It might only take one cereal box to shingle an entire house, but make extras while you're at it so you don't have to mix-and-match more paint if it's not quite enough.

There are lots of different designs of crafting scissors that would make fun shingle shapes for projects. And to highlight the shapes you can just dry brush a little white or lighter-colored craft paints in an upward motion on the roof once you've glued shingles in place.



1/4" OR 7 MM SHINGLES TO THE LEFT

3/8" OR 10 MM SHINGLES TO THE RIGHT