



The Albion

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History:

Throughout the later half of the 19th century and well into the 20th century many architectural firms offered stock house plans that could be purchased for use in constructing homes throughout the country. Often these plans were published in elaborately illustrated catalogs for prospective homeowners to browse and dream of their next purchase.

One of the most prolific catalog home firms was Sears, Roebuck & Company. Over the years they offered many catalogs full of home designs. The Albion is based on a home shown in the 1927 Sears catalog. The kit price of \$2,515.00 included all lumber, millwork, trim, cupboards, doors, windows, hardware, gutters and downspouts – even paint and varnish.

Tools:

A few simple tools are required to assemble this kit. A sharp X-Acto knife, tweezers and glue (Elmer's white glue or similar for wood to wood joints and ACC, contact cement or epoxy for other parts) should be all that is required. A small square may also be useful.

Painting:

We find it easier to paint the building shell and the trim pieces before final assembly. If you are using water-based paints be sure to paint both sides of the wall sections to prevent warping. Sears suggested a color scheme of an all white house and trim with dark green shutters and a green or red shingled roof.