

# YOUR DOLLHOUSE DECISION CHECKLIST

*Take this checklist with you as you browse online, or visit shops. There's no such thing as a perfect score – this is simply to help you think through what matters most to your unique child and family.*

## *Understanding Your Child's Play*

- How does my child naturally play? (stationary/elaborate setups vs. mobile/spontaneous)
- What will they use it for? (vehicles, animals, dolls, action figures, other)
- Will siblings or friends play together?
- What age is my child now, and how long do I hope this will be used?

## *Size & Space*

- Available floor space measured:  
\_\_\_ x \_\_\_
- Is there room to play around all sides?
- Can my child comfortably reach all levels?
- Does the size feel appropriate for the room?

## *Practical Considerations*

- Weight: Can it be moved if needed?
- Assembly: Am I prepared for what's required?
- Storage: Can it be disassembled or stored if necessary?
- Stability: Is it safe and sturdy?

# *My Notes*

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## *Play Value*

- Is the design open-ended (not too themed or detailed)?
- Can it be reconfigured or redecorated easily?
- Does it inspire storytelling without dictating it?
- Can it grow with my child's changing interests?
- Will it work with toys/figures we already have?

## *Budget & Growth*

- Total budget: £\_\_\_
- Cost per estimated year of use: £\_\_\_
- Option to start small and add on? (modular)
- Can additions be given as future gifts?

## *Materials & Quality*

- Material preference: Wood / Plastic / Other
- Finish: Natural / Painted
- Construction quality: Sturdy and well-made?
- Safety: Non-toxic finishes, smooth edges, appropriate for age?

## *The Gut Check*

- Can I picture my child playing with this?
- Does it align with our family's values?
- Does it feel right for our home?
- Am I excited to give this to my child?