

# African House I



**African Houses** There is no one house type in East Africa, just like there is no such thing in the UK. But these two house types are commonly seen in rural areas.

## Great ideas for your class:

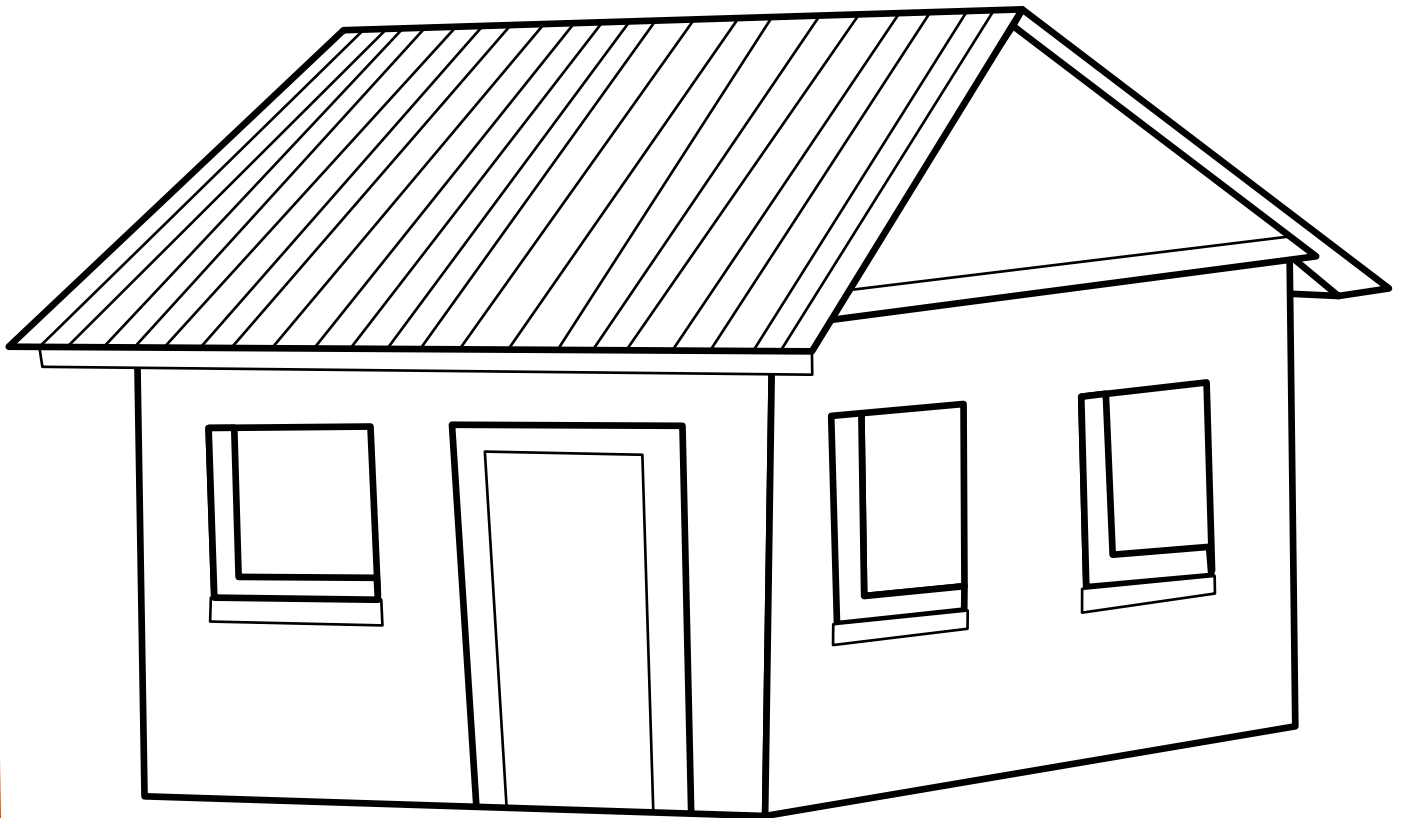
Using squared paper, plan the inside of your East African house. What is needed inside, and what kind of things would it have - and not have inside?

**Fact:** In some parts of Africa, termites eat away at any wood used in the house burrowing through it. Termite houses (mounds), on the other hand, can spring up in just a few days!

# African House 2



Build this house...  
...into your display!



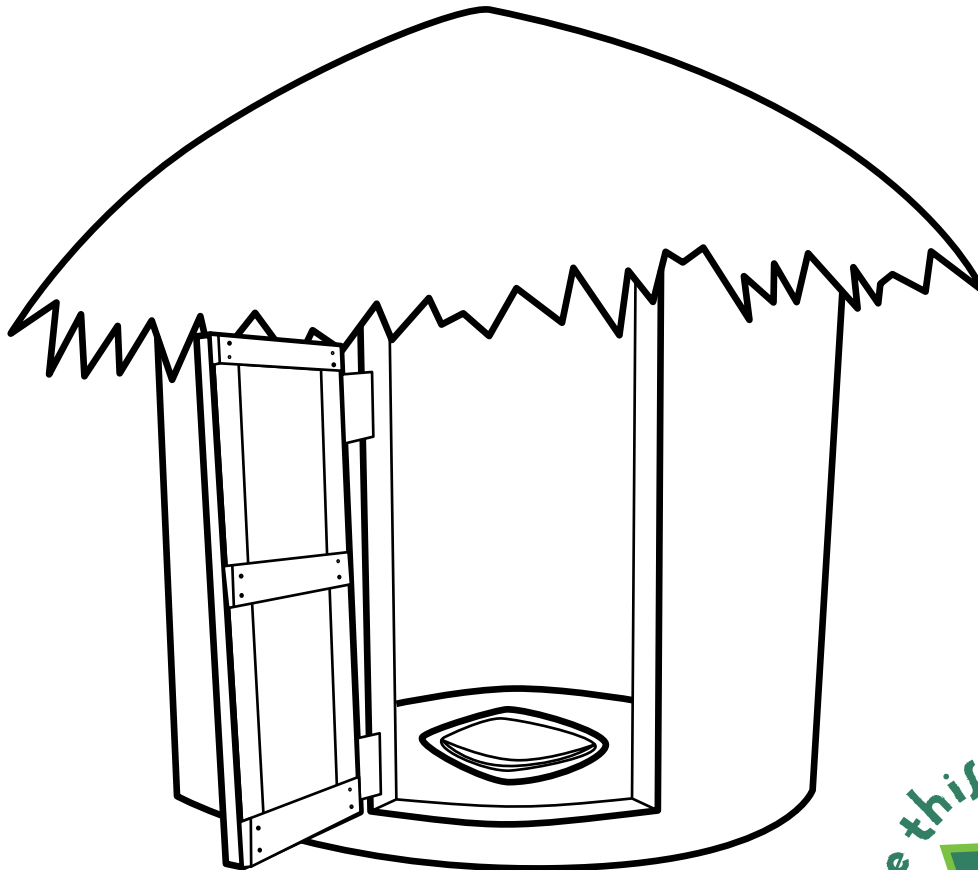
**African Houses** There is no one house type in east Africa, just like there is no such thing in the UK. But these two house types are commonly seen in rural areas.

## Great ideas for your class:

Using squared paper, plan the inside of your East African house. What is needed inside, and what kind of things would it have - and not have inside?

**Fact:** In some parts of Africa, termites eat away at any wood used in the house burrowing through it. Termite houses (mounds) on the other hand can spring up in just a few days!

# Toilets



**Toilets:** Some people in East Africa have indoor toilets, but in rural areas many people use outdoor 'long drop' loos like this one.

**Toilet Facts:** The average person spends **THREE YEARS** of their life on the loo (a bit longer for girls) which is around 2,500 visits a year, or 6 to 8 times a day! And most toilets flush in the key of E♭.

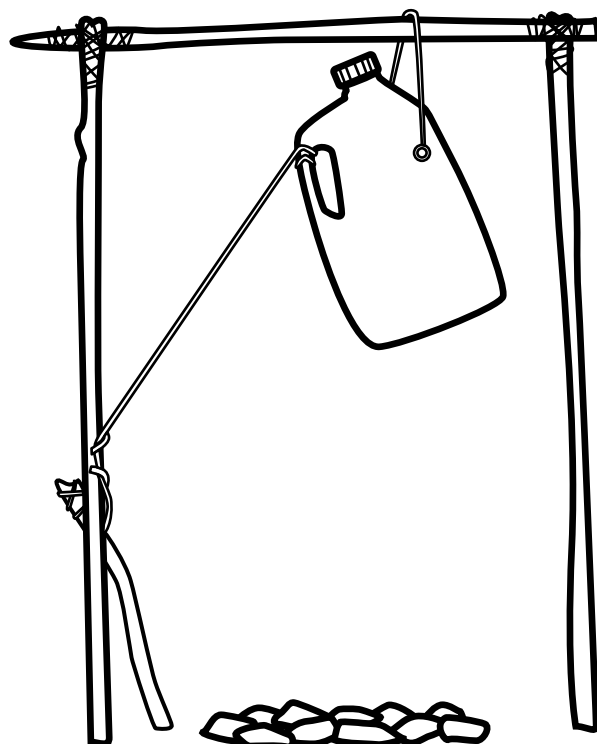
## Great ideas for your class:

Design your own 'luxury loos' and compare them with this basic design.

You can also research different types of loo from across the world, and even look into 'humanure' and compost toilets.

# Tip-Taps

Buy the gift of a Tip Tap - with information and a photo at:  
[www.sendacowgifts.org.uk](http://www.sendacowgifts.org.uk)



Earn this by raising  
**£6**  
and make one!

**Tip taps** Where there is no running water, this simple hand washer called a 'tip-tap' keeps hands clean and nasty diseases away.

**Water Facts:** One flush of a toilet in the UK is equal to the amount of water that many people in Africa use for washing, cleaning, cooking and drinking in a whole DAY.

## Great ideas for your class:

Make your own Tip-Tap at school - there's a basic guide at the link below to explain how. Then run a Tip Tap Inventors' Challenge - who can make the most ingenious version? Entry - 50p to Send a Cow!

[www.cowfiles.com/how-to-make-a-tip-tap](http://www.cowfiles.com/how-to-make-a-tip-tap)

[www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard)

# Compost Heap

Buy the gift of Magic Muck - with information and a photo at:  
[www.sendacowgifts.org.uk](http://www.sendacowgifts.org.uk)



earn these by raising  
**£6**  
and make one!



**Compost Heaps** Using vegetable peelings and plant waste to make compost for plants can give people twice as many crops from their land.

**Compost Fact:** 30% of what we throw away at home can be composted. This saves it being buried on a tip (a 'landfill' site) and producing gases like methane - even worse than carbon, for the environment.

## Great ideas for your class:

Set up your own class compost bin and use the compost in your school garden. Some pupils could fundraise by offering to be Compost Monitors for each class. Get your school to buy some Tiger Worms to help - then adopt one each at £1 per worm for Send a Cow! What would you call yours?

[www.greenfingers.com](http://www.greenfingers.com) (£12 for 100 worms)

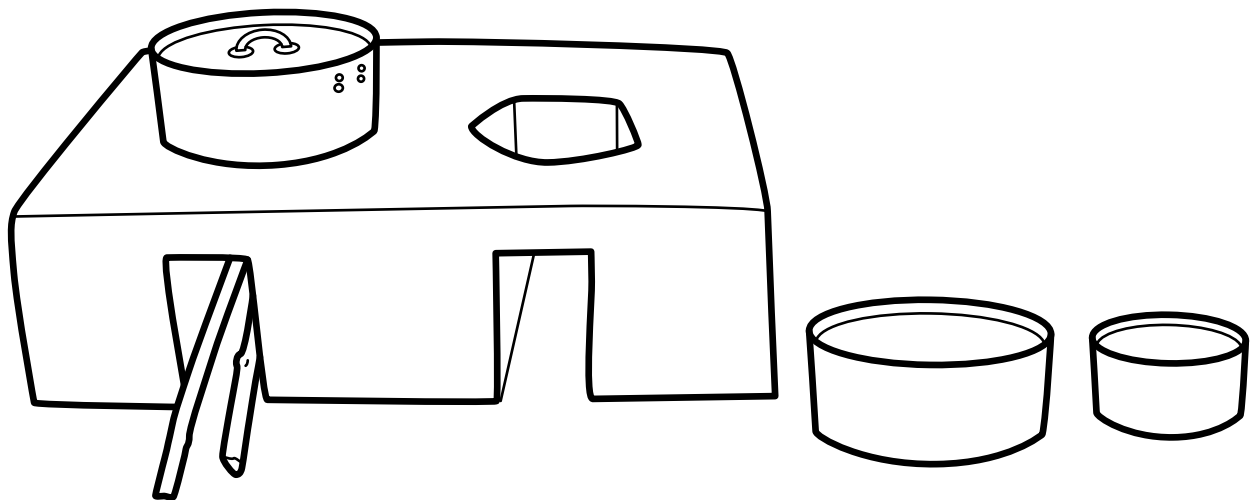
[www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard)

# Mud Stove

Buy the gift of a Mud Stove - with information and a photo at:  
[www.sendacowgifts.org.uk](http://www.sendacowgifts.org.uk)



Earn this by raising  
**£22**  
or make one!



**Mud Stove** Many rural families in east Africa cook food on a small open fire outside, some even have this indoors, making lots of smoke. Fuel efficient stoves take smoke away from the cook and need far less wood to make dinner.

**Stove Fact:** Putting a lid on a saucepan can use up to 40% less energy!

## Great ideas for your class:

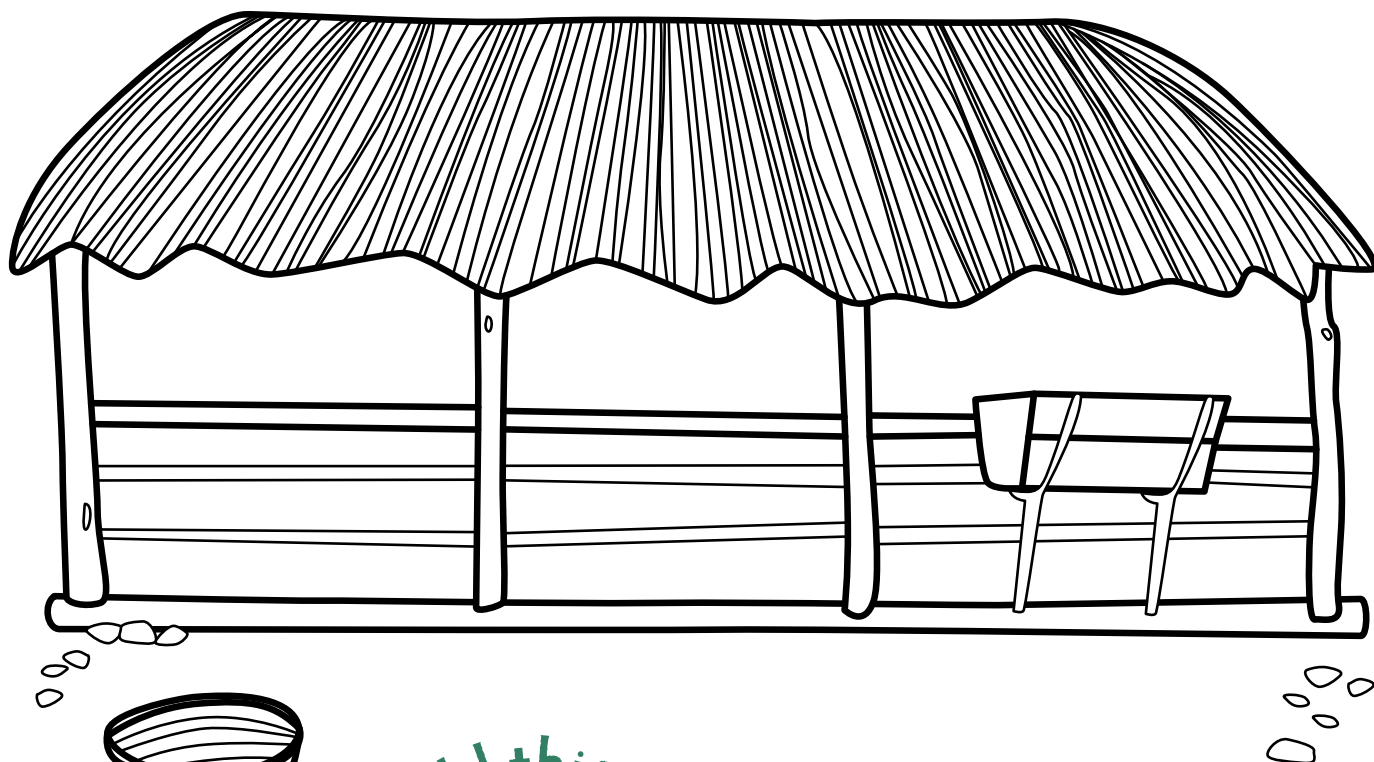
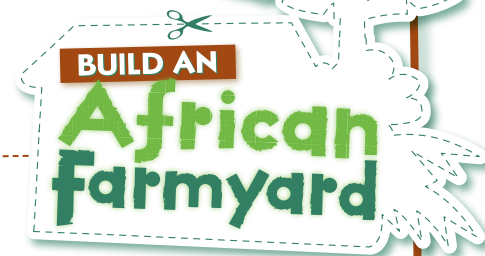
Make a stove by using the instructions at the link below. Then use it to raise money for Send a Cow by cooking and serving soup to teachers! (particularly good on cold days!)

[www.cowfiles.com/  
how-to-make-a-fuel-efficient-stove](http://www.cowfiles.com/how-to-make-a-fuel-efficient-stove)

[www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard](http://www.sendacow.org.uk/africanfarmyard)



# Cow shed



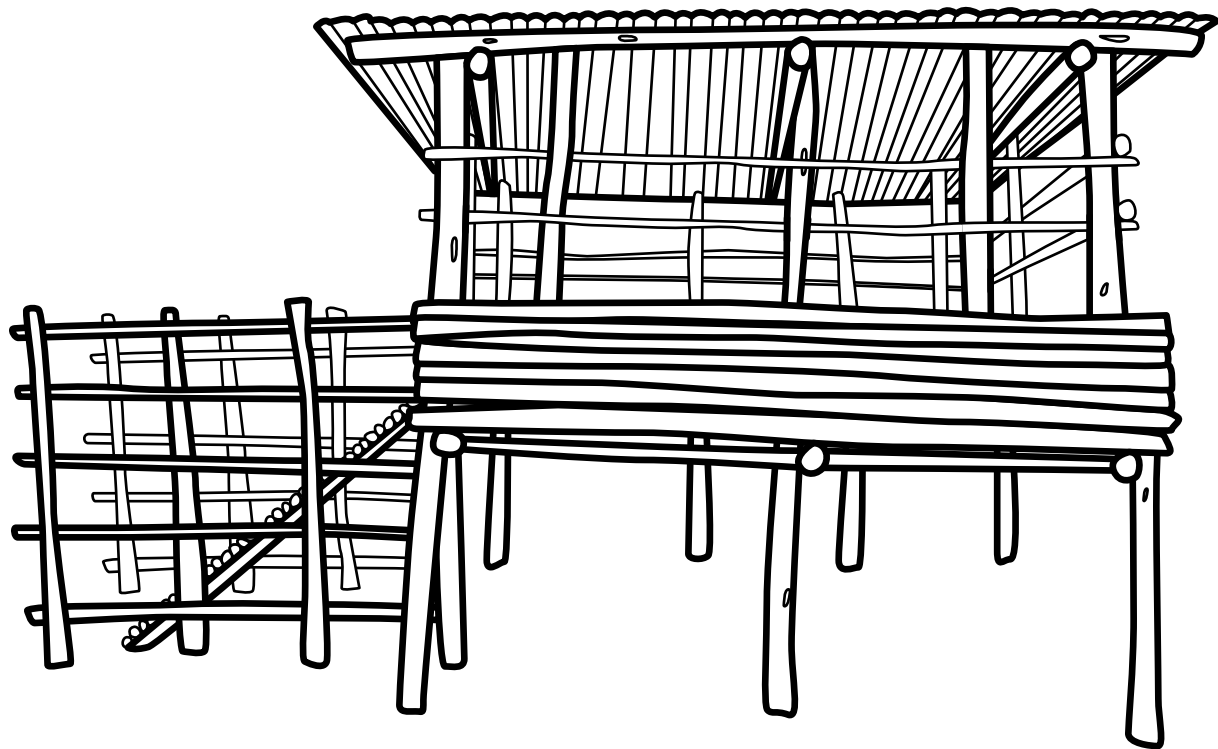
**Cow Sheds** Keeping cows in roomy sheds with an exercise yard helps them to be well looked after. This way, they won't trample crops, catch diseases and their manure can be collected easily.

**Shed Fact:** It's not just the cow's manure that is useful for growing crops - cow's urine is also collected in a drain and used to kill pests!

## Great ideas for your class:

Have a 'Home in on Homes' activity, where pupils study all kinds of homes for different animals, looking at what kinds of things are needed for a good home.

# Goat Shed



**Goat Sheds** Goats will eat just about anything and so if they roam around everyone's crops will get eaten. So, a shed keeps them well behaved and gives shade in the hot sun.

**Shed Fact:** The shed is raised off the ground to stop diseases from spreading to the goats, and so that their manure is easy to collect.

## Great ideas for your class:

Using twigs, wood glue and straw, make your own versions of the cow and goat sheds to house your own mini-livestock! Or, create a 2D version out of twigs for your display.