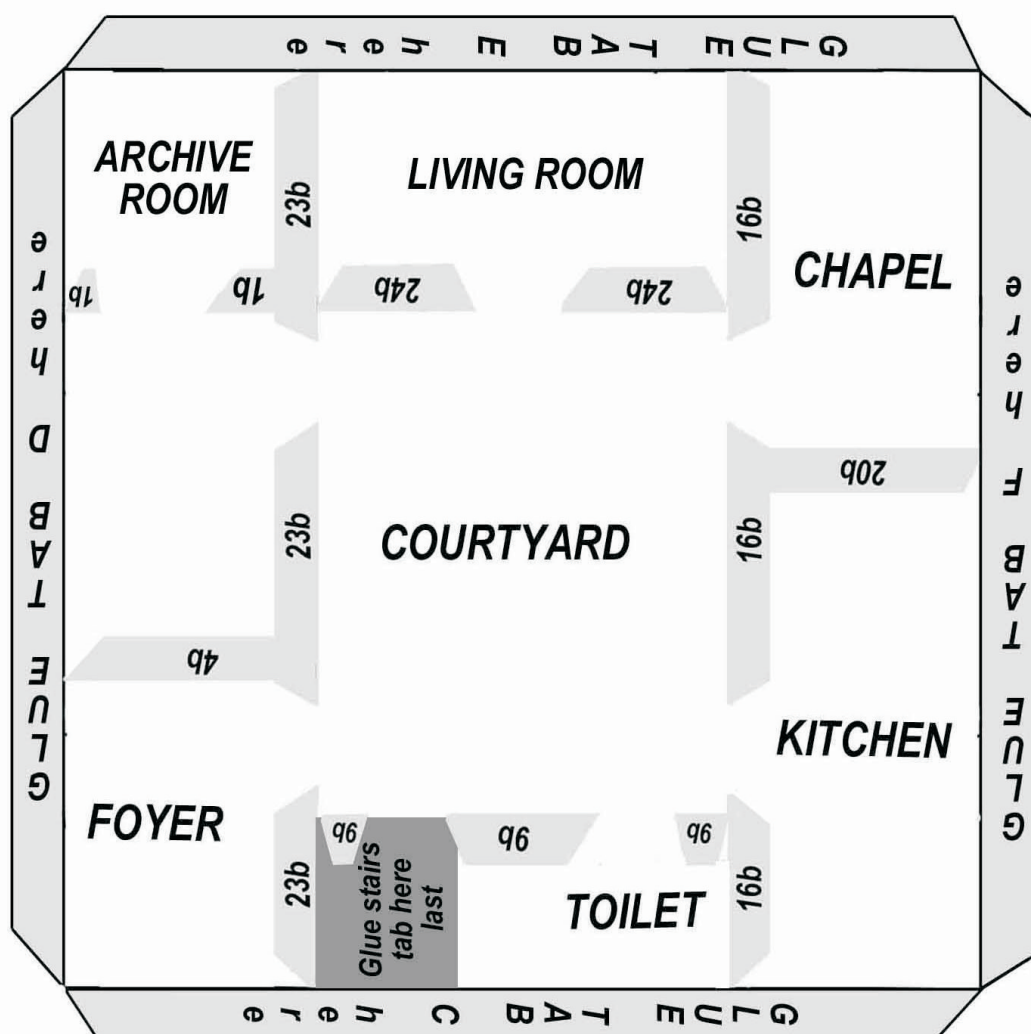
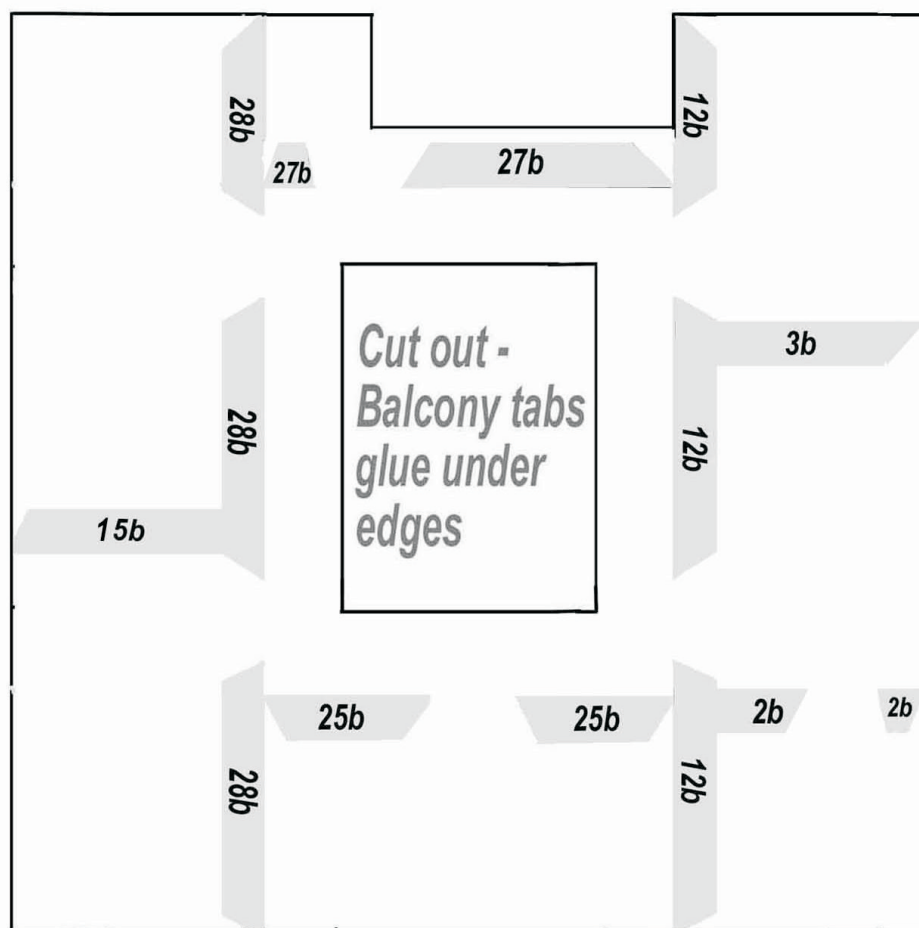


Sumerian Upper Class house excavated at Ur **(c. 2000 BC. Scale approx. 1/72)**

Airy rooms surround a central courtyard on two levels. The foundations, courtyard pavement, and lower level outer walls are constructed of burnt brick; the upper level and interior walls of both levels were made from sun-dried brick. The ground floor ceiling and roof were constructed of rush matting over wooden beams covered with mud plaster. The flat roof accessed by a ladder from the second level was used during cooler late afternoons and evenings. The toilet was located under the stairs to the upper level where the owner and family lived. Deceased family members were buried under the floor of the family chapel. Servants resided on the ground floor. The open courtyard allowed light to penetrate to the rooms around it. The outer lower level walls were white-plastered and the upper level outer walls whitewashed; interior walls were whitewashed.

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GROUND FLOOR INTERNAL WALLS

