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Dollhouses Come In Many Styles

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The American dream of a swank home in the suburbs seems to have come to life in the land of little girls' dollhouses.

No more are the houses simply partitioned boxes with roofs and a scanty supply of wooden furniture.

The dollhouse of today looks just like the homes the girls' mothers drool over in decorating magazines.

There are several styles all made of steel although some cardboard versions can be had in the lower price ranges. The traditional colonial architecture still is included. But added models are modern split-level and ranch-type homes — all replicas of those stretching from Scarsdale to Holmby Hills, and just about as fancy.

The houses come with breezeways, patios, barbecue pits, garages or carports, swimming pools, and even outdoor televi-

sion antennas.

Furniture for the dollhouses are miniature early American or modern designs, complete right down to braid rugs, radio-phonograph combinations, kitchen utensils, nursery furniture and up-to-date bathroom fixtures. Much of it is made of plastic. Children seem to want to play with scale models of what they see around them.

One house includes a plastic daddy, mommy, brother and sister, packed in with the furniture.

There is realism also in other toys intended for little girls. There are, for example: Hand-operated mixers, colored-coded so the girls can measure and mix cold desserts; manually operated or electric sewing machines, including materials, thread and patterns; and vacuum cleaners for the pint-sized housekeeper.