

## Seeing Double: The Portmanteau Portmanteau

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“Well, ‘SLITHY’ means ‘lithe and slimy.’ ...You see it’s like a portmanteau—there are two meanings packed up into one word.”

—Lewis Carroll

The Portmanteau Portmanteau is a set of architectural play-things that pack multiple spatial identities into one brimming suitcase. Just as a linguistic portmanteau seamlessly combines two existing words, this series of architectural portmanteaux seamlessly blends nuggets of architectural identity (typologies, behaviors, aesthetics, and character) into single toy-like objects. In turn, each architectural portmanteau may be combined with other portmanteaux to form fantastic compound “sentences” within the dioramic interior of the suitcase. For example, study a stindow (stair + window), ponder a porridor (porch + corridor), or woolgather over a woof (wall + roof). For ages 3 and up. Please play!

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