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## The Fully Loaded Mini Mansion

*Running water, working refrigerators, home theaters. These backyard playhouses come move-in ready (kids not included)*



*The Castle Dragon Theater playhouse has a theater stage, lower-level maze, clubhouse, rock-climbing wall and slides.*

### *Mirthfully Medieval*

**Monte Sereno, Calif., 'Castle Dragon'**  
**\$234,300**

**Specs:** A 790-square-foot, redwood playhouse, built around a tree

**Features:** Hand-carved, fire-breathing dragons flank the stage area of the theater. (Sticky floors and creaky seats not included.) Also on the lower level is a maze with secret doors and passageways. The enclosed clubhouse is waterproofed and password-protected to keep intruders out. But in case of a siege, there's a secret escape door under one of the benches. And as an antidote to idleness, there is a tube slide, a swinging bridge, a rope net, crazy bars and a rock-climbing wall.

**Maker:** Barbara Butler, San Francisco



*The Hillside Hamlet, designed by Barbara Butler, features four towers and four connecting bridges. It costs \$149,000.*

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