

Funky Little Haunted “Gingerbread” House



Difficulty Level: 1 **2 3** 4 5

You will need:

- 1 **Funky Little Chipboard “Gingerbread House” CHS-02**
- Craft Adhesive –use one that won’t wrinkle vellum
- 9-10” cake round (tan on one side)
- 5”x8” yellow vellum
- 2 sheets 9” x 12” heavy black construction paper
- grey cardstock
- bright Halloween paper
- rotary paper trimmer with straight blade and scallop blade
- fine tip black marker
- heavy black cardstock (for trees)
- 4-5 die-cut ghosts—**Sizzix-Ghosts** were used for this project

Optional:

- removable tape
- craft razor knife
- gingerbread oil
- Spider web punch
- Halloween stickers
- Chipboard 8”x2”
- Brown cardstock
- **Light Kit CHL-01**

Add a light to your house and you will have a darling haunted house that will last for years!

1 Windows

- Carefully pop out all window openings. Save pop outs. Can be used later to build a porch or add dimension to the shutters.
- Fold all 4 sides of house along score line forming house. Open both house pieces and place **face down** on your work space.
- Using yellow vellum cut 6 windows measuring 1½” x 2½”.
- Add window panes using black marker. Add a “crack” to some of the windows (**fig 1-a**).
- Place adhesive around window opening and adhere film to chipboard house. Check adhesive first to make sure it doesn’t wrinkle vellum.
- Wipe away any excess adhesive in window cutout before attaching film.
- **Note:** windows are attached to **inside** of house.
- Attach a few ghosts randomly to windows as though they were peering out. They will really pop if the house is illuminated.

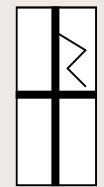


Fig. 1-a

2 Shutters

- Using Halloween cardstock, cut 2”x½” strips. You will need 2 shutters per window. **To give the shutters dimension, attach Halloween paper to extra chipboard or you may use the window pop-outs. When adhesive has set, cut into strips 2”x½”.**
- Attach shutters along both sides of all the windows. Nudge shutters over window cutout slightly and place slightly askew to give the house a distressed look (**fig. 1-b**).

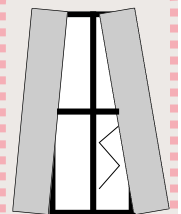


Fig. 1-b

3 Door

- Apply adhesive to chipboard door and attach to bright Halloween paper.
- When adhesive has set trim around the chipboard.

- Add a door knob and hinges using black marker.
- Attach door to front of house centered below windows. If you are adding a porch leave about $\frac{1}{4}$ " at bottom of door.

4 Assembly of House

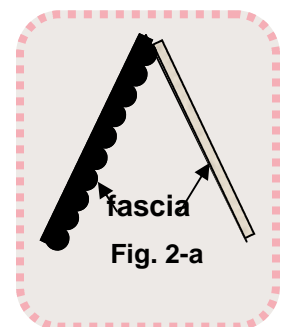
- Following **Funky Little House Kit** instructions assemble the house. Secure corners with paperclips.
- When you feel the bond has set remove paperclips and attach black decorative trim to corners.

5 Decorative Trim

- Using rotary trimmer with scallop blade, cut 5 strips of black construction paper 1" wide x 12" long. Set these aside. You will use later to cover the fascia and edge of the base.
- Cut out a black chimney cap using the chipboard **Chimney Cap Template**. Also set aside.
- Cut remaining black construction paper into strips $\frac{1}{2}$ " - $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide.
- Cut 4 pieces of narrow trim you just cut into 6" lengths.
- Fold lengthwise and crease. (**Using a straight edge or ruler, mark a line down center of strip. Press lightly to indent the trim. This will make folding the trim much easier.**)
- Apply adhesive down center crease of trim and attach to corner of house. Trim away any excess. (*Removable tape works well to secure trim if needed while glue sets.*) Repeat on remaining corners of house.

6 Roof

- Assemble roof according to **Funky Little House Kit** instructions.
- Using the 1" strips you set aside, cut 4 pieces 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " in length. Fold and crease using the same technique as above.
- Apply adhesive to fascia and attach trim. Make sure fascia is completely covered by the trim. (**fig. 2-a**) Attach remaining part of trim to roof.
- Repeat process on remaining fascia. Trim excess at peak and lower edge.
- Cut 2 pieces of **narrow** trim about 7" and attach to the bottom of the roof. Do not crease this trim. Allow half the trim to extend beyond the edge of the roof. Repeat other roof edge. Trim excess.
- Fold and crease a 1" piece trim 7" in length and attach to the peak of the roof.

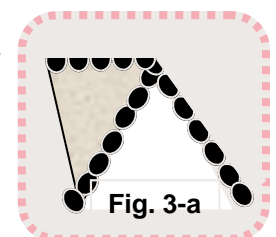


7 Chimney

- Following instruction in **Funky Little House Kit**, assemble chimney and chimney cap.
- Trim chimney with black construction paper using above technique.
- Following the guidelines on chimney cap template, score dotted lines and clip solid lines. Attach assembled chipboard chimney cap in center of black chimney cap. Fold down edges to cover chipboard and secure with adhesive.
- Apply a small amount of adhesive around rim of chimney and attach cap.
- Cut a small slit in top of chimney cap and insert a ghost.

8 Dormer

- Fold score-line of Dormer.
 - Cut 2 pieces of narrow trim 4" in length. Crease and fold. Attach top part of folded trim to front edge of dormer. Fold trim down to form a fascia. (**fig. 3-a**). Trim away excess at peak of dormer. Repeat other side.
 - Attach folded trim to ridge line of dormer (**fig. 3-a**)
 - Carefully attach Dormer to roof by inserting tabs into roof.
- Optional: Apply trim where dormer attaches to roof.**



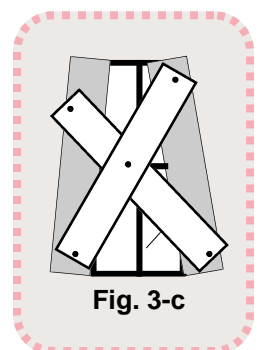
9 Attaching house to base

If you are adding a light, refer to “Light Instructions”.

- To trim edge of base, cut the 2 remaining pieces of 1” trim lengthwise down the center so you have trim pieces that are scalloped on one edge and straight on the other.
- Carefully draw the trim over the edge of a table. This will slightly curl the trim for easier attachment to the round base.
- Apply adhesive to the edge of the cardboard disc and attach trim to cover the corrugated edge keeping the straight edge even with the edge of disc.
- Apply adhesive to bottom edge of house and attach to base.
- Allow adhesive to completely dry before adding finishing elements.

10 Finishing Touches

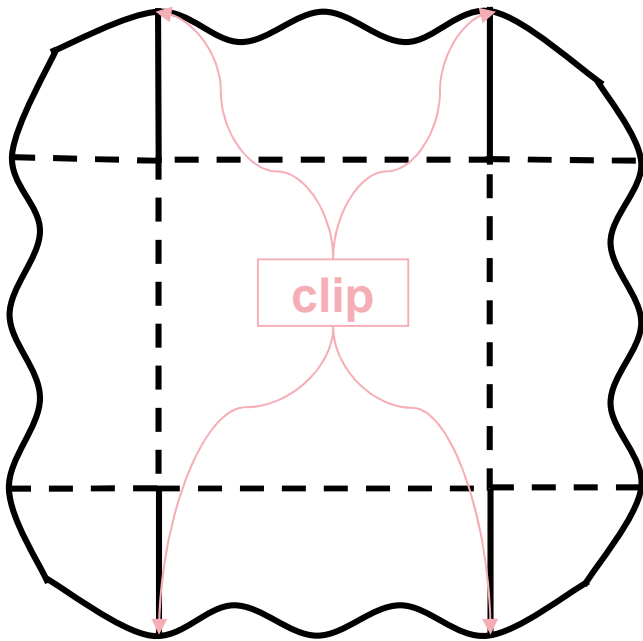
- To add a porch, glue 4-5 of the window pop outs together, lining up the edges. Carefully slide under the bottom of the door to form a front step.
- Cut 2 trees from heavy black cardstock using template. Cut one tree in half lengthwise following the template guide.
- Apply adhesive to straight edge and attach to center of other tree. **(Fig 3-b)**
- Allow to dry and repeat other side forming a 3-dimensional tree.
- Apply adhesive to bottom of tree and attach to base
- Using tombstone template, cut 2-3 tombstones from gray cardstock.
- Write text on each tombstone and ink edges to give a weathered look.
- Apply adhesive to bottom of tombstones and place around yard. (Use a straight pin on either side of tombstone to hold in place until adhesive sets.)
- Cut small strips of chipboard ½” x 2”. Ink edges to “distress”. Attach to one window opening to create a “boarded up” look. **(Fig 3-c)**
- Attach Halloween “treats” and spider webs using die-cuts or stickers.
- Attach die-cut ghosts randomly to house.



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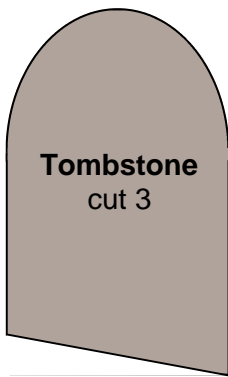
Haunted House Templates



Chimney Cap

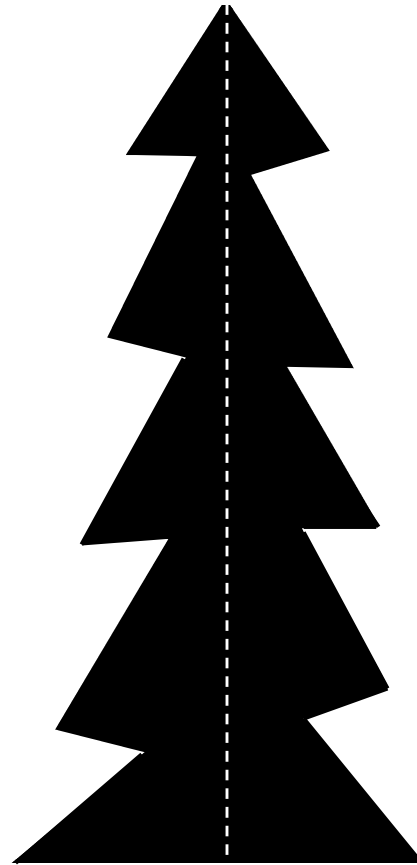
Cut 1- using scallop trimmer along edges.
Score dotted lines and clip solid lines.

Use pink cardstock.



Tombstone Template

Cut 3 using heavy grey cardstock.



Tree Template

Cut 2 using heavy black cardstock.
Cut one tree down center guide line.



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