

# Chipboard “Gingerbread” Halloween House

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

You will need:

- **Chipboard “Gingerbread” Basic House CHS-01 or CHS-011**
- ZipDry Glue (Beacon Adhesive)
- 10” cake round (tan on one side)
- 8”x8” yellow vellum
- 2 sheets 9’ x 12” heavy black construction paper
- grey cardstock
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- rotary paper trimmer with straight blade and scallop blade
- fine tip black marker
- tacky glue
- 4-5 die-cut ghosts

### Optional:

- removable tape
- craft razor knife
- gingerbread oil
- black wire 9”
- **Light Kit CHL-01**

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

## Instructions:

### 1 Windows

- Carefully pop out all window openings except one bottom window on front of house. This will become your door. Save pop outs. You can use them later to build a front step or add dimension to the shutters.
- Fold all 4 sides of house along score line. Also fold down roof supports (house CHS-011 only). Open house flat and place **face down** on your work space. Secure the remaining window pop out (where the door will be placed) with tape.
- Using yellow vellum cut windows measuring 1½” x 2½”.
- Draw window panes using black marker (**fig 1-a**).
- Place ZipDry adhesive around window opening and adhere film to chipboard house.
- 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 show if the house is illuminated.
- For a “broken window” look, carefully cut small zigzags in the film with a sharp razor knife (**fig. 2-a**). Use care so as not to wrinkle the window film.



Fig. 1-a

### 2 Shutters

- Using grey cardstock, cut 2”x½” strips. You will need 2 per window.
- Attach shutters along both sides of all the windows. Nudge shutters over window cutout slightly.
- Place shutters slightly askew to give the house a distressed look (**fig. 1-b**).

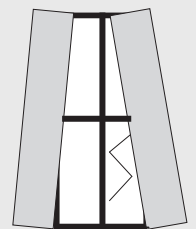


Fig. 1-b

- **To give the shutters dimension, attach cardstock to a piece of chipboard 4"x8". You may also use the window pot-outs. Glue sticks work best for attaching large pieces of cardstock.**
- **When the adhesive has set, trim around the cardstock. Cut into 1/2" x 2" shutters. You will need 2 per window.**

### 3 Door

- Apply adhesive to chipboard door and attach to gray cardstock.
- When adhesive has set trim around the chipboard.
- Add a door knob and hinges using black marker. Attach door to unused window covering the entire cutout. Leave a 1/4" space below the door to add a front step.

### 4 Assembly of House

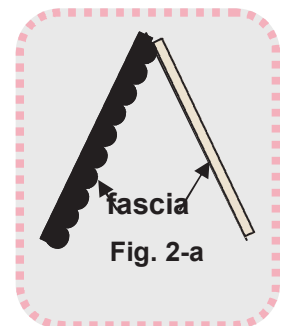
- Carefully fold score-line on side flap of house.
- With house **face up**, apply adhesive to flap. Use enough adhesive to secure a tight bond.
- Fold the corners of house in to form your house and attach flap to **inside** of house.
- Secure corners with paperclips and allow to set.
- When the bond has set attach black decorative trim to corners.

### 5 Decorative Trim

- Using rotary trimmer with scallop blade, cut 5 strips of black paper 1" wide and at least 9" in length. Set these aside. You will use later to cover the fascia and the base.
- Cut out a chimney cap using the **Chimney Cap** template. Also set aside.
- Cut 10-12 pieces black trim 1/2" - 3/4" wide.
- Using 4 pieces of trim 6" in length, fold lengthwise and crease. **(Using a straight edge or ruler, mark a line down center of strip. Press lightly indent the trim. This will make folding the trim much easier).**
- Apply adhesive down center of trim and attach to corner of house. Press on inside of house as well to insure you have a tight bond. Trim away any excess. **(Removable tape works well to secure trim if needed while glue sets.)**

### 6 Roof

- Fold center score line of roof creating roof peak. Also fold the score lines on the fascia (edge of roof).
- Fold fascia flaps & apply adhesive to flaps and secure to **under side** of roof.
- Attach paper clips to corners and allow adhesive to set.
- Using the 1" strips you set aside for the fascia, cut 4 pieces 4 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)**
- Apply adhesive to edge of roof and secure top part of trim.
- Repeat process on remaining fascia. Trim excess at peak.
- Using 2 pieces of trim about 7" 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.
- Fold and crease 1- 1" piece of trim and attach to the peak of the roof.



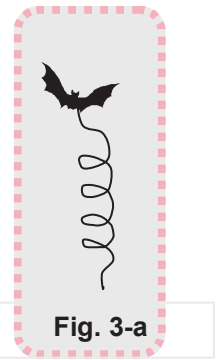
### 7 Chimney

- Fold scored lines of chimney. Apply adhesive to side flap. Fold chimney in and secure tab on **inside** of chimney. Attach paperclips to corner and allow adhesive to set.
- Trim chimney using above technique.
- Trace the score lines onto the black **Chimney Cap** using the template as a guide. Clip where

- indicated on template. Fold and secure corners with adhesive to form a cap.
- Apply a small amount of adhesive around rim of chimney and attach cap.
- Carefully attach chimney to roof by inserting chimney tab into small horizontal slit in roof.

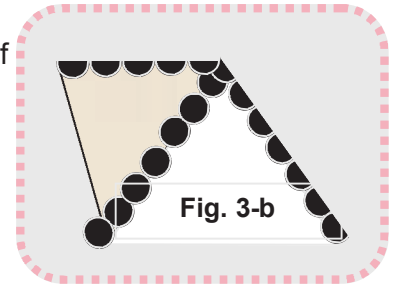
#### **Optional flying bats**

- Reinforce inside of chimney top with styrofoam cut to same size as chimney opening.
- Cut 3 pieces of black wire. Wrap around round pen.
- Flatten wire and attach bats to one end. **(Fig. 3-a)**
- Dip other end of wire in tacky glue and insert in top of chimney cap.



## 9 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 of dormer. Fold trim down to form a fascia. **(fig. 3-b)**. Trim away excess at peak of dormer. Repeat other side.
- Attach trim to ridge line of dormer **(fig. 3-b)**
- Carefully attach Dormer to roof by inserting tabs into roof.
- Attach trim where dormer attaches to roof .



## 10 Attaching house to base

*If you are adding a light, refer to "Light Instructions".  
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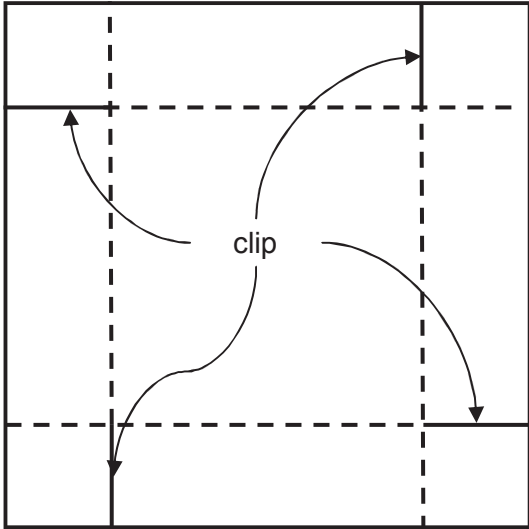
- Place house on 10" cake round (tan side up). With a pencil, lightly outline house.
- Run a line of adhesive around area you marked. Place house over glue and press in place.
- Let house dry completely before attaching landscape.
- Cut piece trim to fit length and width of house. Fold and crease. Dribble a small amount of adhesive around bottom of house where it attaches to the base. Attach trim to secure house to base.

## 11 Finishing Touches

- Using 2 remaining pieces of 1" trim, cut down center so you have trim pieces that are straight on one side and scallop 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 tacky glue to the edge of the cardboard base and attach trim to cover the corrugated edge.
- Glue 4-5 of the window pop outs together, lining up the edges. Carefully slide under the bottom of the door for a front step.
- Cut tree from heavy black cardstock using template. Cut one tree in half lengthwise using the template as a guide.
- Apply tacky glue to straight edge and attach to center of other tree.
- Allow to dry and repeat other side forming a 3-dimensional tree.
- Apply tacky glue to bottom of tree and attach to base
- Using tombstone template, cut 3 tombstones from gray cardstock.
- Write text on each tombstone. Ink edges to give a weathered look.
- Apply tacky glue to bottom of tombstones and place around yard. **(Use a straight pin on either side of tombstone to hold in place until glue sets.)**
- Place roof on house. If you are lighting your house do not glue in place. This will allow you to change the bulb if needed.
- Add a few drops of gingerbread oil to light and your house will smell like the real thing!

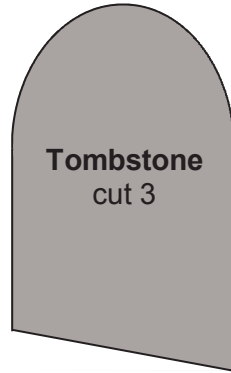
**Have fun making your Chipboard "Gingerbread" Haunted House and enjoy for years to come!**

# Haunted House Templates



## Chimney Cap

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