

Chipboard “Gingerbread” Holiday House



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

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

You will need:

- **Chipboard “Gingerbread: House CHS-01**
- ZipDry Glue (Beacon Adhesive)
- 10” cake round (white on one side)
- 8”x8” white frosty vellum
- 2 sheets 9’ x 12” heavy white construction paper
- red & green cardstock
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- rotary paper trimmer with straight blade and scallop blade
- tacky glue
- fine tip black marker
- chipboard 4”x8”

Optional:

- removable tape
- craft razor knife
- gingerbread oil
- white wire
- decorative punch for window decorations
- **Light Kit CHL-01**

These same instructions can be used to decorate the Chipboard “Gingerbread” House CHS-011

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. They can also be used to give the shutters dimension.
- Fold all 4 sides of house along score line forming house. 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 white 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.

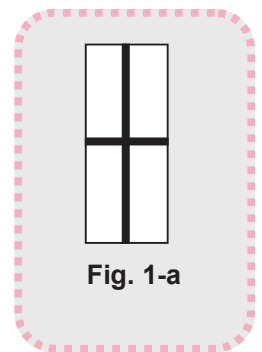


Fig. 1-a

2 Shutters

- Attach red cardstock to chipboard measuring 4”x8”. You can also use the window pop-outs.
- When adhesive has set trim around chipboard and cut into 2”x½” strips. You will need 2 per window.
- Attach shutters along both sides of all the windows. (**Fig. 1-b**)
- Using green cardstock and a decorative hand punch, punch out window decorations and attach to shutters.

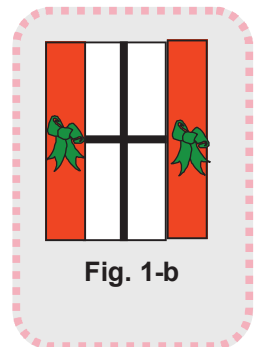


Fig. 1-b

3 Door

- Apply adhesive to chipboard door and attach to red cardstock.
- When adhesive has set trim around the chipboard.
- Add a door knob and hinges using black marker and Attach door to unused window covering the entire cutout. You will have about a 1/4" space below the door for a porch.

4 Assembly of House

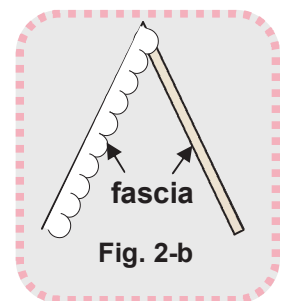
- Carefully fold score-line on side flap of house.
- With house **face up**, apply adhesive to flap. Use enough adhesive to secure a tight bond.
- Fold the corners of house in to form your house and attach flap to **inside** of house.
- Secure corners with paperclips and allow to set.
- When you feel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

5 Decorative Trim

- Using rotary trimmer with scallop blade, cut 5 strips of white paper 1" wide x 12" long. Set these aside. You will use later to cover the fascia.
- Cut out a chimney cap using the **Chimney Cap** template. Also set aside.
- Cut remaining white paper with 1/2" - 3/4" wide.
- Cut 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 to indent the trim. This will make folding the trim much easier.**)
- Apply ZipDry adhesive to corner of house. Attach trim to each corner of house pressing 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-b**)
- Apply adhesive to edge of roof and secure remaining piece of trim.
- Repeat process on remaining fascia. Trim excess at peak.
- Using 2 pieces of narrow trim 7" in length 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 a 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 white **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 Chimney Smoke

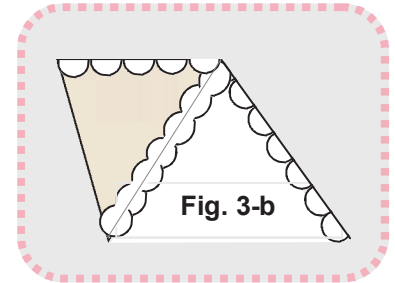
- Reinforce inside of chimney top with styrofoam cut to same size opening.
- Cut 3 pieces of white wire about 3" in length. Wrap around round pen.
- Flatten wire (Fig. 3-a). Dip one end of wire in tacky glue and insert in top of chimney cap. Bend to resemble smoke



Fig. 3-a

8 Dormer

- Fold score-line of dormer.
- Cut 2 pieces of 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".
Instructions for adding a light to your house can be downloaded from website.*

- 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 pieces of trim to fit length and width of house. Fold and crease. Dribble a small amount of glue around bottom of house where it attaches to the base. Attach trim to secure house to base.

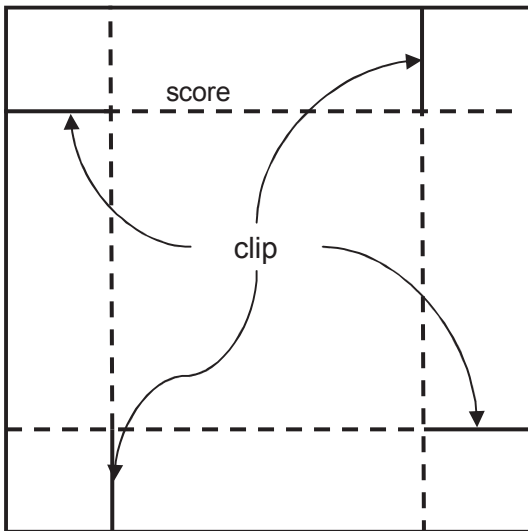
11 Finishing Touches

- Using remaining 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 several window pop outs together, lining up the edges. Carefully slide under the bottom of door. To form a front step.
- Cut tree from heavy white 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.
- Apply tacky glue to bottom of tree and attach to base.
- Repeat process for other tree.
- 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.

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

*More decorating ideas as well as altered patterns are available online at
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Templates



Cut edges of chimney cap using same cutter as trim.

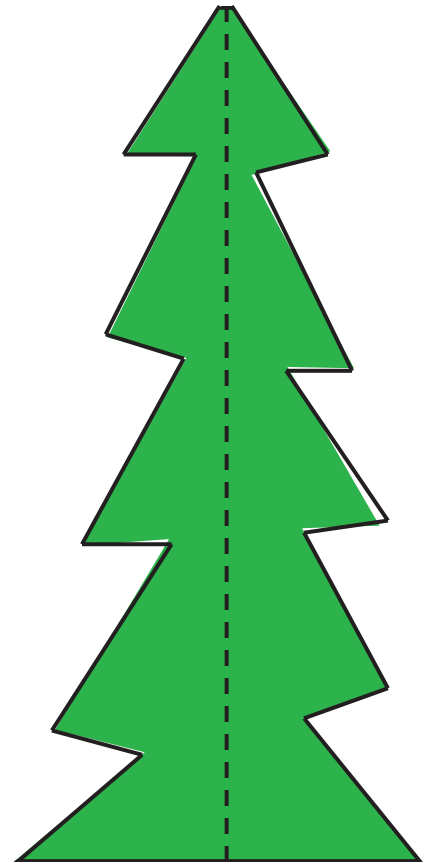
Chimney Cap

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



Tree Template

Cut 2 each using heavy green cardstock.
Cut 1 small tree & 1 large tree
down center guide line.



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