

Holiday Darling Chipboard "Gingerbread" House



**Add a light and watch
your darling Holiday
house come to life!**

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

You will need:

- **Chipboard "Gingerbread" Funky House CHS-02**
- Adhesive (tacky craft glues work best)
- Rotary paper trimmer with straight blade and scallop blade (or decorative scissors).
- Heavy green cardstock (trees)

- 9" cake round
- 8"x8" white vellum
- 4 sheets white cardstock
- 1/2 sheet red cardstock
- Scrap green cardstock (leaves) & gray (stepping stones)
- 4"x8" scrap chipboard
- Fine tip gray marker
- Various flower punches
- Green wrapped florist wire
- 3-D Foam Dots
- Crystal Glitter
- Spray Adhesive
- Paper Hole Punch

Optional:

- Paper clips or removable tape
- Craft razor knife
- Glue stick
- Small (#16) crystals for center of flowers
- 1" round punch
- 4"x8" scrap chipboard (or use window pop-outs)
- 3"x2" Picket Fence die **Sizzix-Picket Fence** was used for this project
- Straight pin or piercer
- **Light Kit CHL-01 available at www.etsy.com/shop/RetiredLetsDoLunch ~ DIY Supplies**

Instructions:

1 Windows

- Carefully pop out all window openings.
- Fold all 4 sides of house along score line including side flaps. Also fold down roof supports. Open house flat and place **face down** on your work space. Using vellum cut windows measuring 1½" x 2½".
- Draw "window panes" using gray or white marker (**fig 1-a**).
- Place adhesive around window opening and attach to chipboard house. Test adhesive first to assure it doesn't wrinkle vellum. I find ZipDry Adhesive or glue sticks work well on vellum.
- **Note: windows are attached to inside of house.**

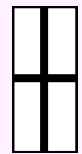


Fig. 1-a

2 Shutters

- Using red cardstock cut ½"x2" strips. You will need 2 per window.
- Attach shutters along both sides of all the windows. Nudge shutters over window cutout slightly (**fig. 1-b**).
- **To give the shutters dimension, attach cardstock to a piece of chipboard 4"x8". You may also use the window pop-outs. Glue sticks work best for attaching large pieces of cardstock to chipboard.**

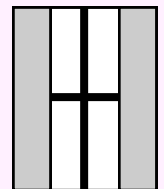


Fig. 1-b

- When the adhesive has set, trim around the cardstock and cut into ½" x 2" shutters (2 per window).

3 Door

- Apply adhesive to chipboard door and attach to red cardstock.
- When adhesive has set trim around the chipboard.
- Punch a door knob using round paper punch and carefully attach to door.
- Attach door to house.

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 and attach flap to **inside** of house.
- Secure corners with paperclips and allow to set.
- When the bond has set attach white decorative trim to corners.

5 Decorative Trim

- Using rotary trimmer with scallop blade or decorative scissors, cut 2 strips of white trim 1" wide and at least 9" in length. Set these aside. You will use later to cover the edge of the base. Cut out a chimney cap using the **Chimney Cap** template. Also set aside.
- Cut 4-5 pieces white trim ½" - ¾" wide.
- Cut 4 pieces of the narrow trim 6" in length. Fold lengthwise and crease.
(Using a straight edge or ruler score trim by 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 of trim and attach to corner of house. Trim away any excess.
(Removable tape works well to secure trim if needed while adhesive sets.)

6 Roof

- Fold center score line of roof creating peak. Also fold the score lines on the fascia (front edge of roof).
- Apply adhesive to flaps and secure fascia to **under side** of roof creating a secure roof.
- Attach paper clips to corners and allow adhesive to set.

7 Chimney & Dormer

- 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 corner edges of chimney using above technique.
- Fold score lines of chipboard chimney cap. Apply adhesive to corner tab and secure on inside of cap. Again, secure with paperclips until adhesive has set.
- Trace the score lines onto the white **Chimney Cap** that you set aside, using the template as a guide. clip where indicated.
- Fold and secure corners with adhesive to form a cap. Attach to chipboard 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.
- Fold score-line of Dormer.
- Carefully attach Dormer to roof by inserting tabs into roof.
- Using "snow" template as a guide, cut out "snow". Attach randomly to roof. Follow guidelines to fold over fascia of roof & dormer. Attach "snow" to peak of roof and dormer following guides on templates.
- Use thick "clear drying" adhesive to outline edges of "snow" and quickly sprinkle with a generous amount of crystal glitter. Gently shake off excess. Repeat process on all snow pieces.

- You can also add dimension to the chimney cap by adding squiggly lines of adhesive to edge and sprinkle with crystal glitter as well.

8 Attaching house to base

If you are adding a light, refer to “Light Instructions” available online at: www.retiredletsdolunch.com. Click Gallery / Tips & Tricks.

- Cover 9” cake round with white cardstock and trim. .
- Using the pieces of 1” trim you set aside, cut lengthwise 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.
- Apply adhesive to bottom of house and place on covered base. Press in place.
- Let house dry completely before attaching landscape.

If you added a light, house will be attached to Styrofoam light base.

9 Finishing Touches

- **Optional: Use adhesive and glitter to reade dipping snow over windows and door.**
- **Optional Walkway: Punch 1” circles from gray cardstock and randomly attach to base creating a walkway.**

Flowers:

- Cut various flowers from colored cardstock and vellum scraps.
- Create flower stems by cutting florist wire into 1”- 1½” pieces. Create a small circle at end of wire. This helps hold the flower (**fig 3-a**).
- Attach various flowers to stems. You can give your flowers dimension by layering several flowers.

Optional: Attach crystal to center of flower.

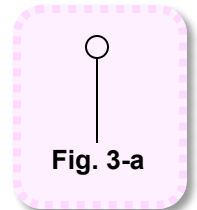


Fig. 3-a

Window Boxes:

- Attach white cardstock to scrap of chipboard. Cut out 6 window boxes using the Window Box Template as a guide.
- Attach 3-4 flowers to window box. Attach stems to back side of box so flowers appear to be planted in the box. Attach 2 foam dots to back of window box and attach below each window.

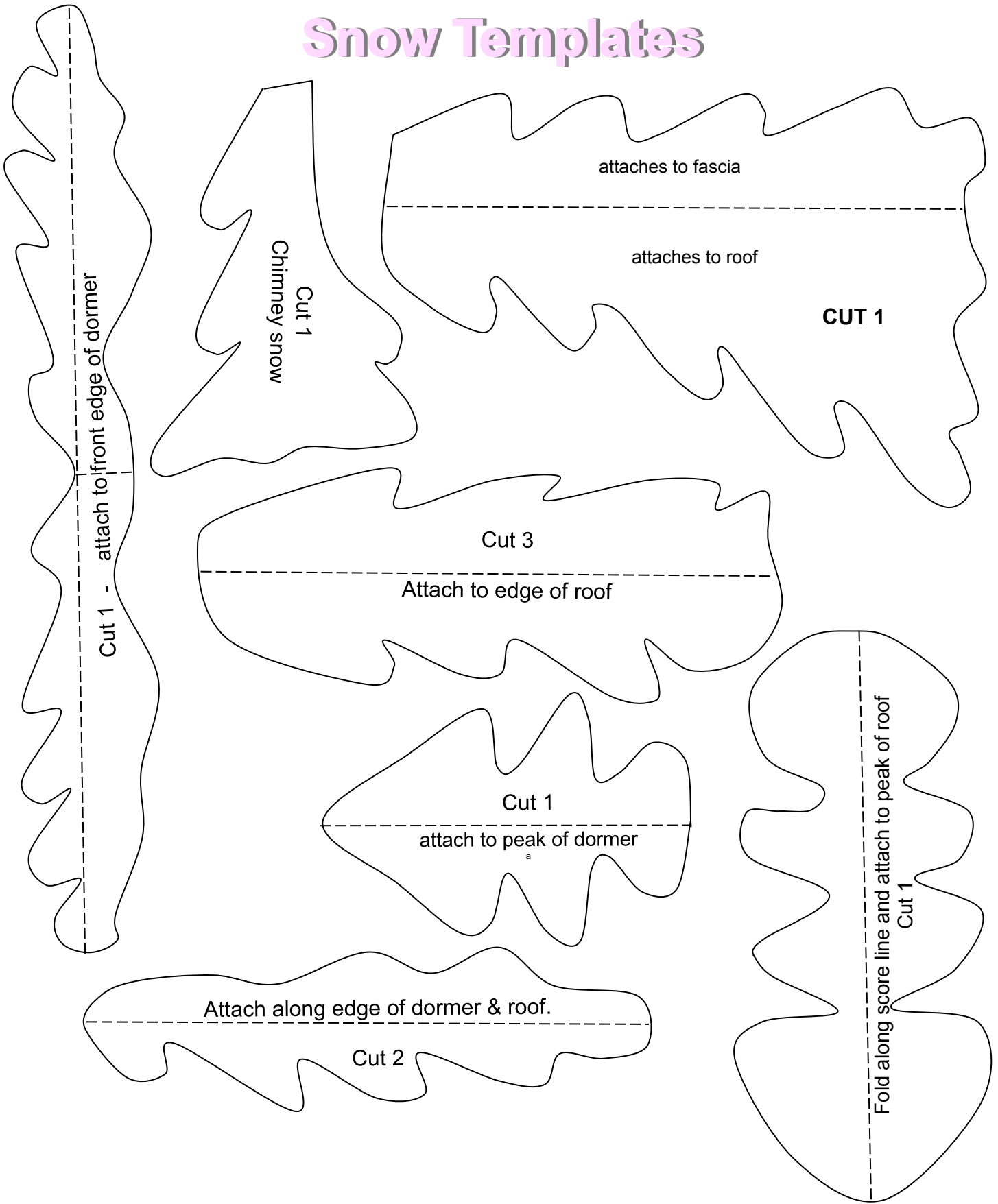
Optional Fence:

- Punch out 13 picket fences using a 3”x2” die and white cardstock. **Sizzix** was used for this project.
- Connect 10 pieces together by overlapping ends, creating a fence about 30”.
- Attach 3 additional pieces together for the trellis. When adhesive has set trim off top and bottom of picket to create a trellis. Run over the edge of a table to slightly curl the trellis. Attach to beginning and end of your fence to create a gateway.
- You can create your own fence by cutting 2 strips of white cardstock ¼” x 30”. Use fence template to pickets. You would need about 60 for the fence and 18 for the trellis.
- Attach to base by placing randomly around house. Hold in place using straight pins and apply adhesive randomly to base of fence. When adhesive has set remove pins.
- Attach flowers to base around fence by poking a hole in base, apply a small amount of adhesive to tip of stem and place in hole. Attach a few flowers to fence and peaks of house.

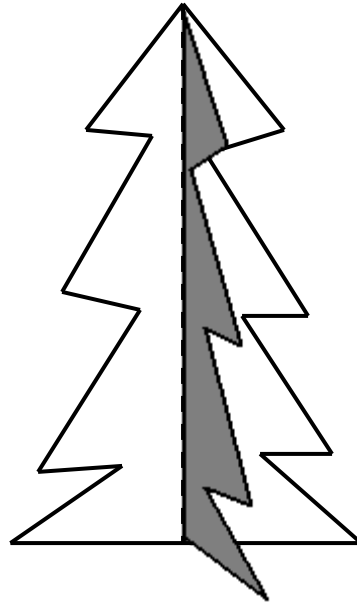
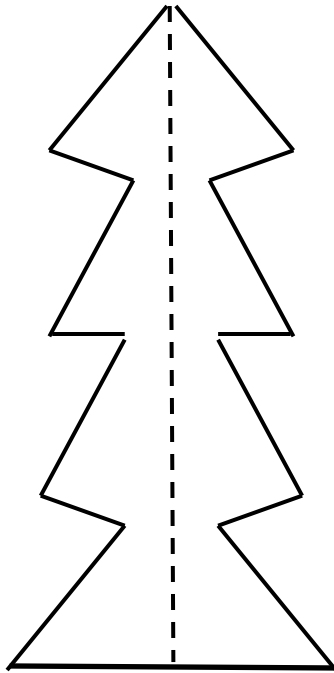
Optional: Spray entire project with adhesive and add a light coating of glitter.

Have fun making your Chipboard “Gingerbread” Valentine House and enjoy for years to come!

Snow Templates

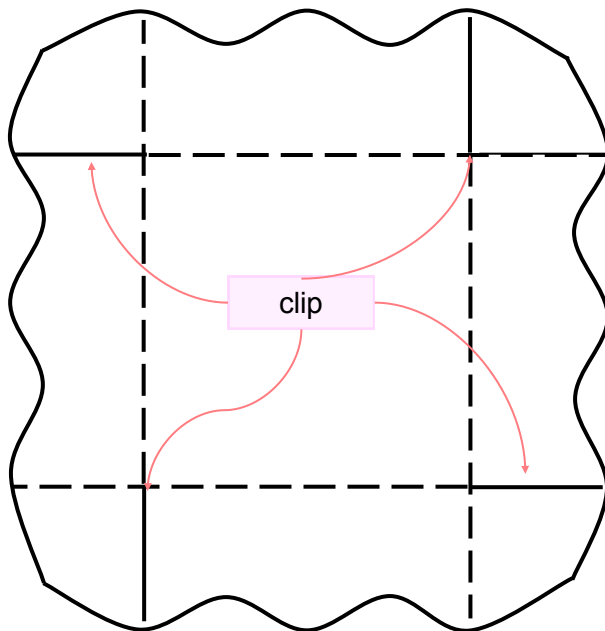


Additional Templates



Tree Template

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



Chimney Cap

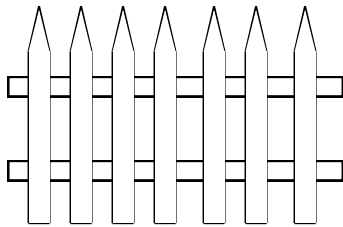
Cut 1 using white cardstock.
Score dotted lines and clip solid lines.

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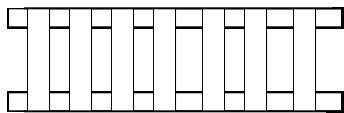


Window Box

Cut 6 using HEAVY white cardstock.



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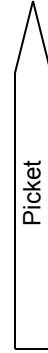
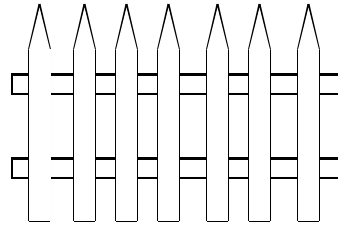


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Trellis

To create a trellis, cut strips of card stock $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide and attach together until you have 2 pieces approximately 18" in length. Cut enough "pickets" to attach every $\frac{1}{2}$ " to from another fence. (A)

You will need about 35. Once adhesive has set trim the top and bottom. (B)



Picket Fence

To create your own picket fence, cut strips of card stock $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide.

Attach strips together until you have 2 pieces approximately 30" in length. Cut enough "pickets" to attach every $\frac{1}{2}$ " to from a fence. You will need about 60.

More decorating ideas
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