

# Snowy Holiday 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
- Green decorative paper
- Scrap green cardstock (leaves) & gray (stepping stones)
- Fine tip gray marker
- Holly punch
- Crystal Glitter
- Puff Paint...recipe below

## **Optional:**

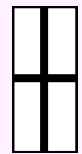
- Paper clips or removable tape
- Craft razor knife
- Glue stick
- 1" round punch
- 4"x8" scrap chipboard (or use window pop-outs)
- **Red Sticks** glitter glue

**Light Kit available at**  
[www.etsy.com/shop/RetiredLetsDoLunch](http://www.etsy.com/shop/RetiredLetsDoLunch)  
**DIY Supplies**

## **Instructions:**

### **1** Windows

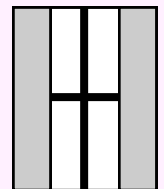
- Carefully pop out all window openings.
- Fold all 4 sides of house along score line including side flaps. Also fold down roof supports. Open house flat and place **face down** on your work space. Using vellum cut windows measuring 1½" x 2½".
- Draw "window panes" using gray or white marker (**fig 1-a**).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



**Fig. 1-a**

### **2** Shutters

- Using green decorative cardstock cut ½"x2" strips. You will need 2 per window.
- Attach shutters along both sides of all the windows. Nudge shutters over window cut-out 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.**
- When the adhesive has set, trim around the cardstock and cut into ½" x 2" shutters (2 per window).



**Fig. 1-b**

### **3** Door

- Apply adhesive to chipboard door and attach to green decorative 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.

## 8 Attaching house to base

*If you are adding a light, refer to "Light Instructions" available at:  
[www.retiredletsdolunch.com](http://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.

- Follow instructions on Template Guide to create trees.
- Apply adhesive to bottom of trees and attach randomly to base.
- Punch Holly using green cardstock and attach to shutters, door and peaks of house.
- Using Red **Stickles Glitter Glue**, you can add berries to holly.
- Punch circles of gray cardstock for walkway....set aside.

## 9 Snow

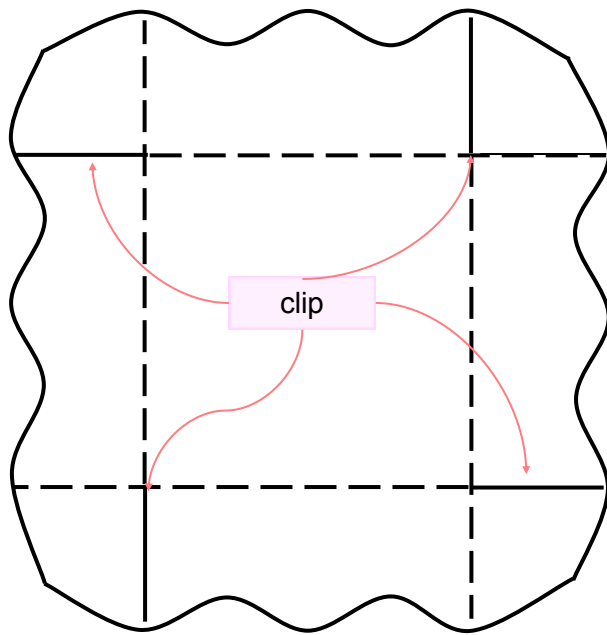
### *Puff Paint*

Mix equal parts **SHAVING CREAM** (not Gel) & **WHITE GLUE**

- Thoroughly mix Puff Paint with flat paint brush ¼" - ½" wide.
- Apply paint to corner trim on house, covering the paper "snow" .
- Continue applying Puff Paint to all pieces of paper "snow". Swirl brush to give snow texture. Cover dormer and peak of roof as well as chimney cap.
- Apply dabs of snow on top of windows and door. **Fig 3-a**
- Spread Puff Paint to base swirling around trees. Apply to base of house as well.
- Press gray circles you set aside to create a walk way in front of the door.
- Sprinkle glitter on snow while it is still wet.
- Snow will puff up.
- Allow snow to dry overnight before



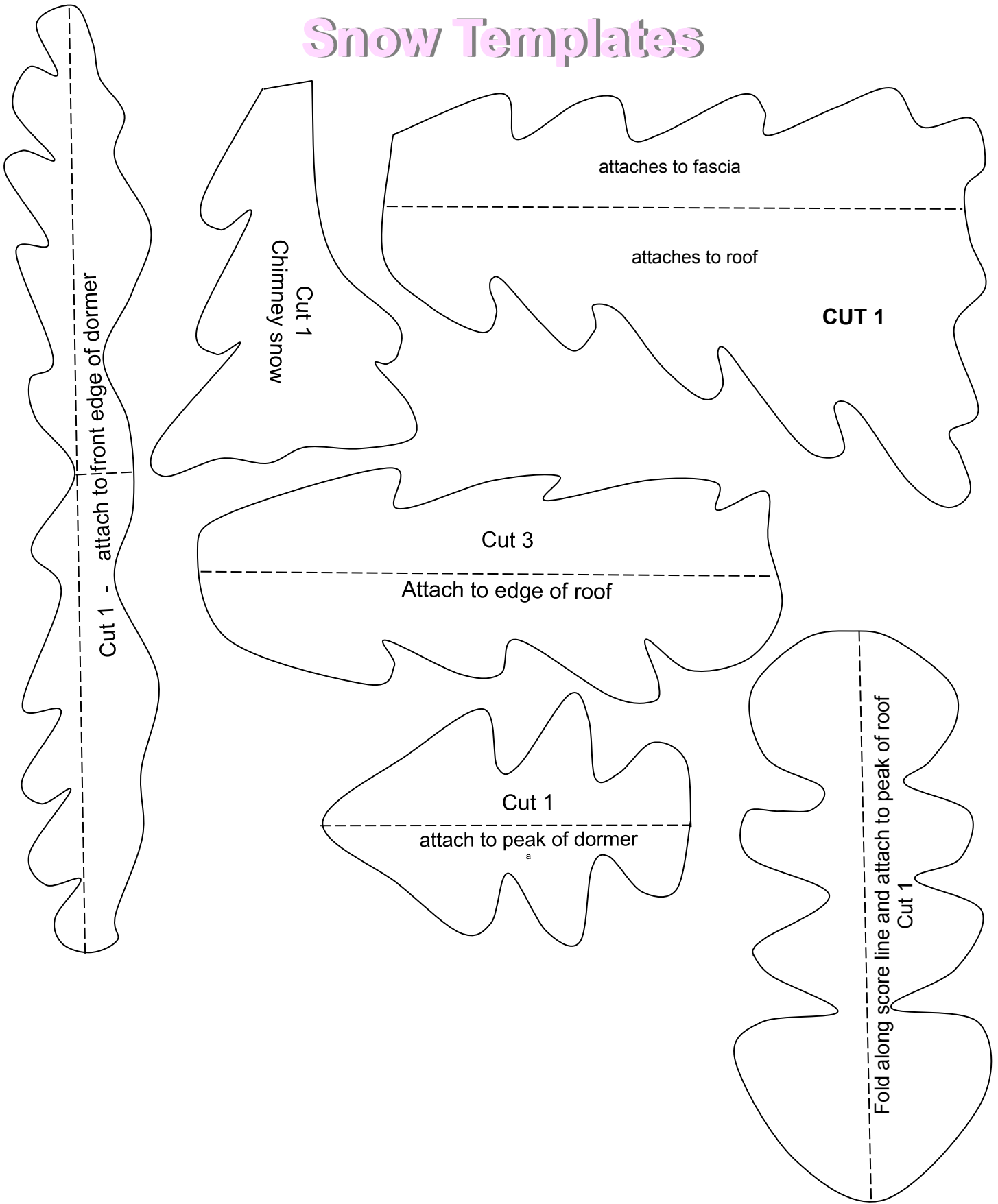
Fig. 3-a



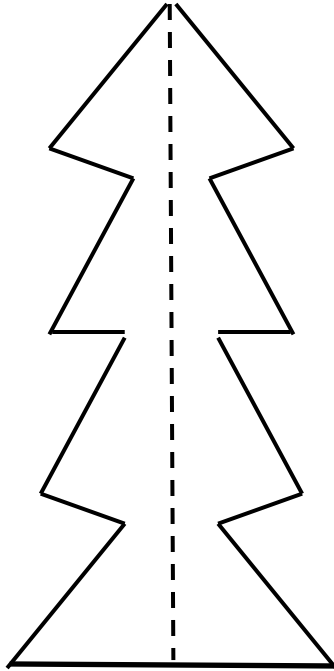
### **Chimney Cap**

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

# Snow Templates

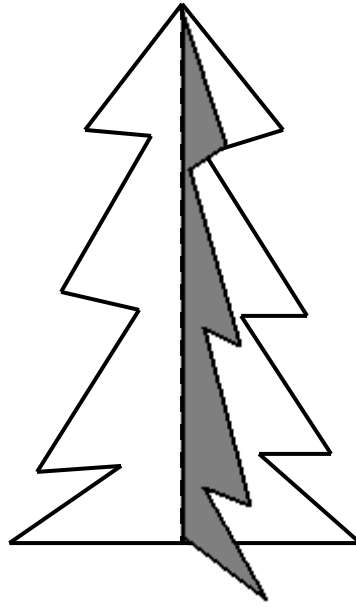


# Additional Templates



## Tree Template

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



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