

# 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](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 ZipDry Adhesive or glue sticks work well on vellum.
- **Note: windows are attached to inside of house.**

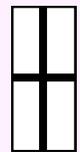


Fig. 1-a

### 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.**

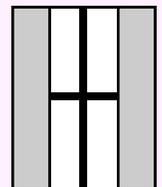


Fig. 1-b

- 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](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.
- Let house dry completely before attaching landscape.

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

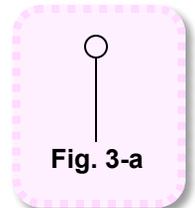
## 9 Finishing Touches

- **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.

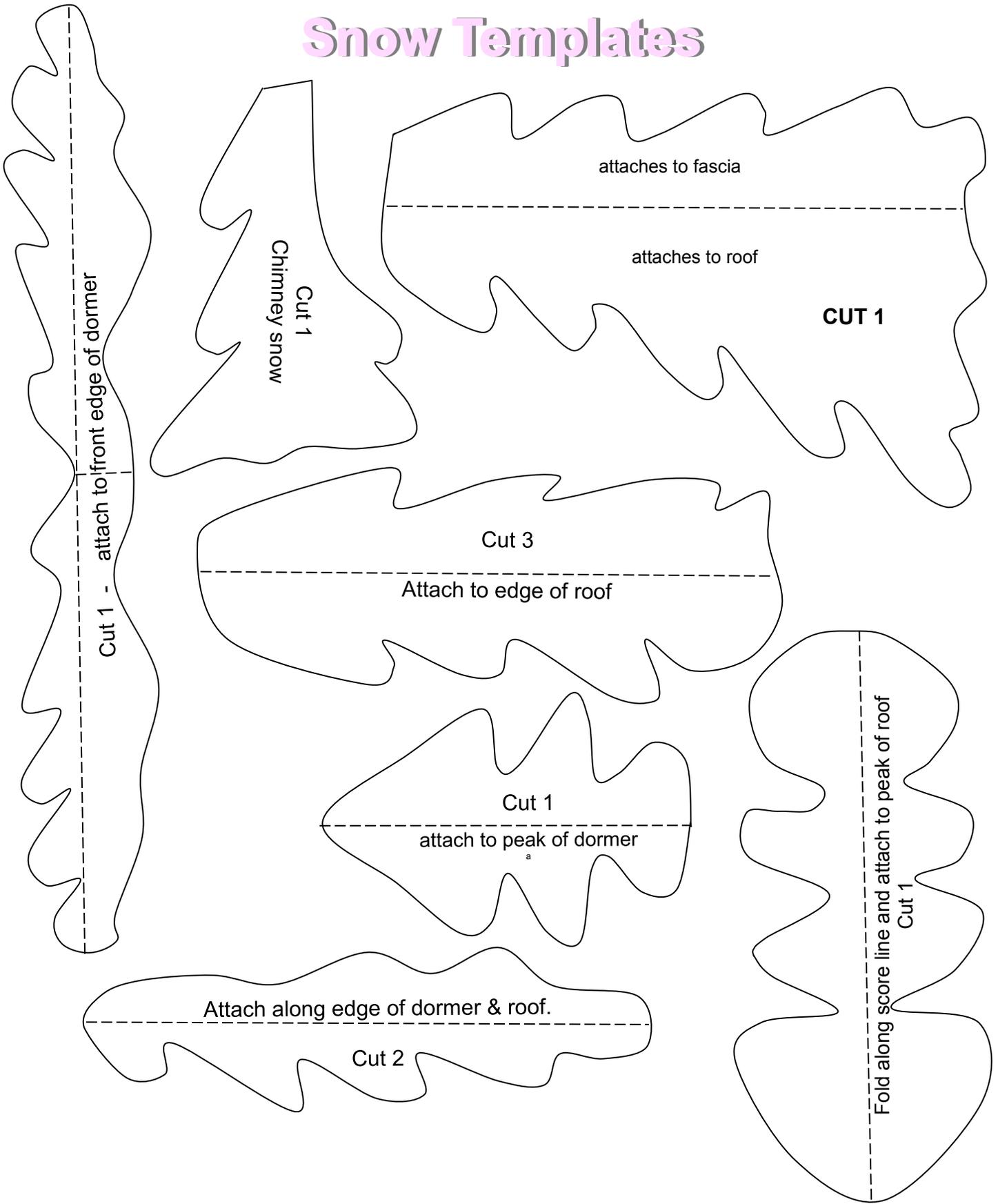
### Optional Fence:

- 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.

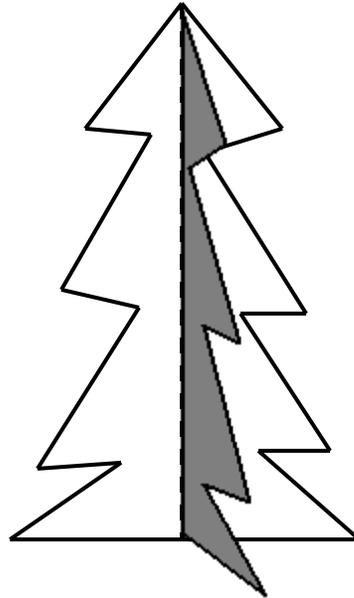
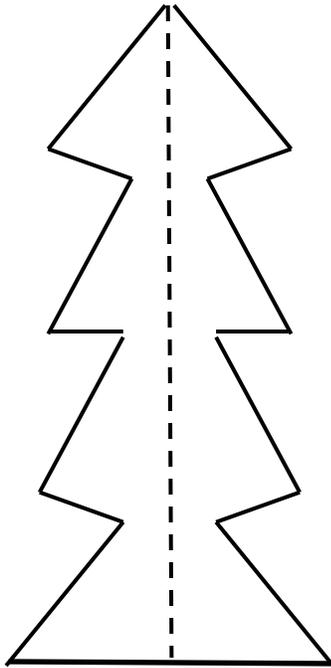
**Optional: Spray entire project with adhesive and add a light coating of glitter.**

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

# Snow Templates

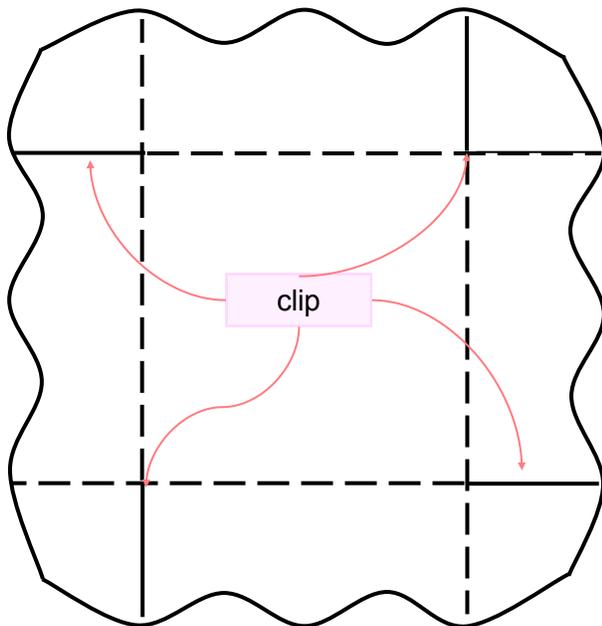


# Additional Templates



## Tree Template

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



## Chimney Cap

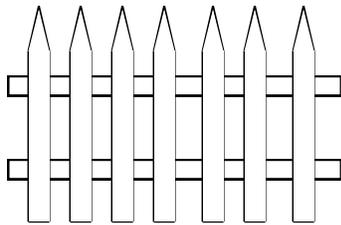
Cut 1 using white cardstock.  
Score dotted lines and clip solid lines.

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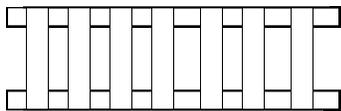


## Window Box

Cut 6 using HEAVY white cardstock.



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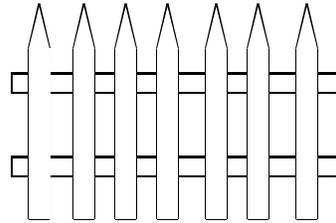


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## Trellis

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.

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