BAKE · BUILD · DECORATE

The Gingerbread Cottage

A printable house template for one sweet little cottage — about 5 inches tall, 18 pieces across 4 pages.



You'll need

- 1 batch gingerbread construction dough
- Rolling pin and a small sharp knife
- Parchment-lined baking sheets
- Thick royal icing and piping bags
- Candies, sprinkles, powdered-sugar snow
- Cans or jars to prop the walls
- Cardstock for sturdier templates (optional)

Build it

1. **Print and check.** Print every page at 100% ("Actual size"). The bar at the bottom of each page should measure exactly 1 inch. Cut out the paper pieces.
2. **Cut the dough.** Roll the dough about ¼ inch thick, lay the pieces on top and cut around them, holding the knife straight up and down. Cut out the dashed windows and door now.
3. **Bake and trim.** As soon as the pieces come out of the oven, lay the templates back on and trim the edges straight while the gingerbread is still warm. Cool completely.
4. **Raise the walls.** Pipe thick royal icing along the edges. Stand the front and back walls with the side walls set between them, and prop with cans until firm.
5. **Roof and decorate.** Ice on the roof panels so the ridge edges meet at the top, add the chimney, then let it dry a few hours before the fun part.

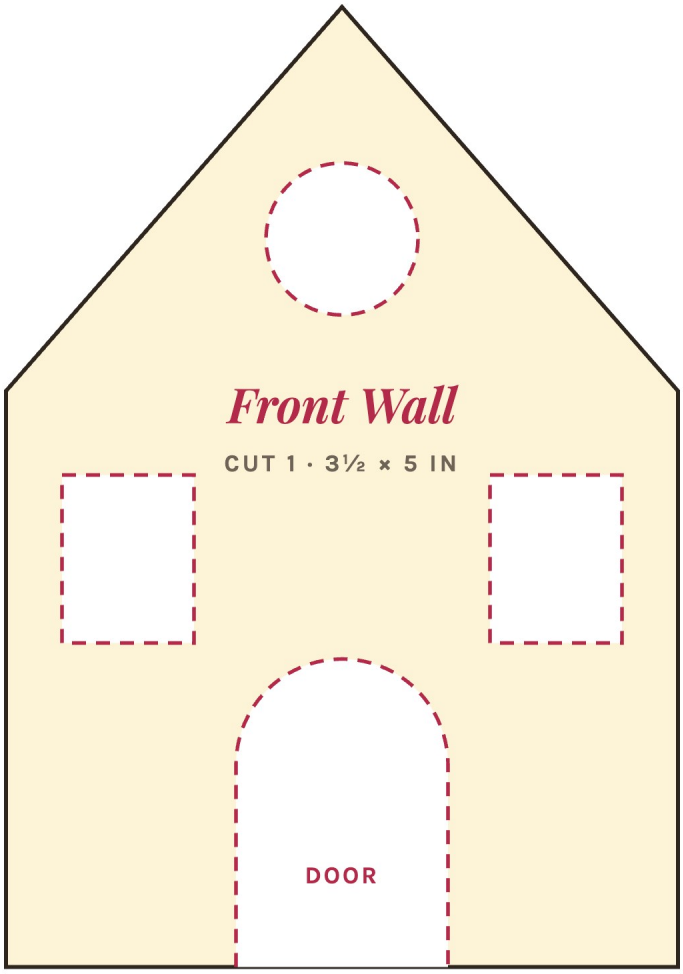
☆ **Cutting key:** solid lines are cut lines. Dashed rose lines are the windows and door — cut them out or leave them solid.

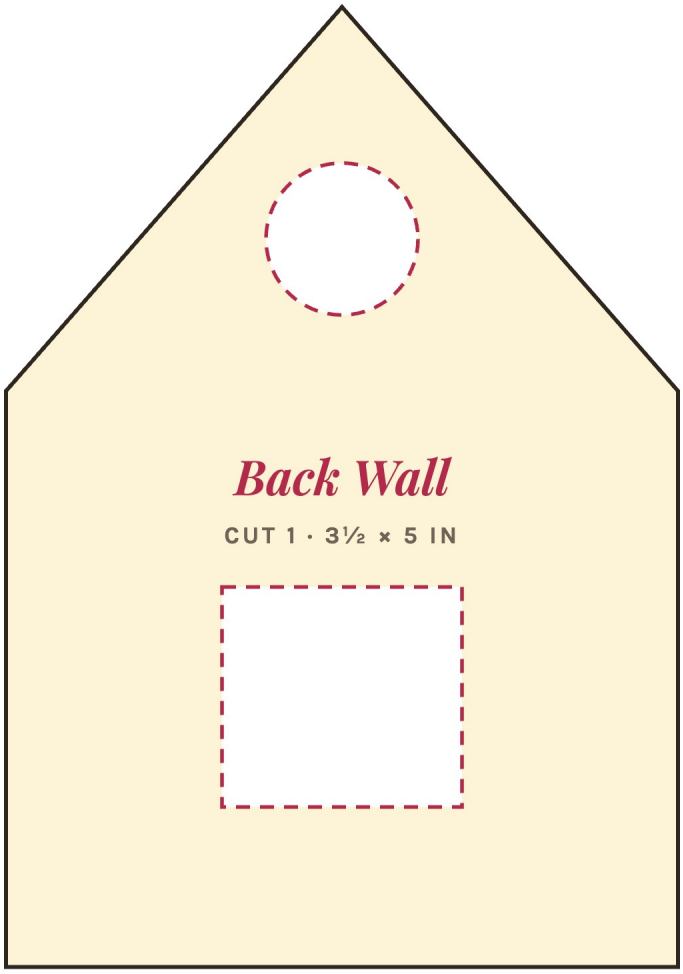
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= 1 inch

Front & Back Walls

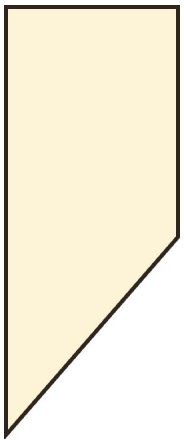
Cut 1 of each · shown actual size

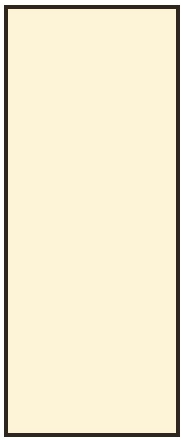


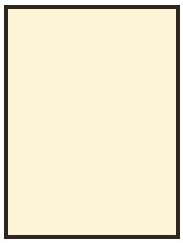


Chimney

4 pieces from 3 templates


SIDE · CUT 2


FRONT · CUT 1


BACK · CUT 1

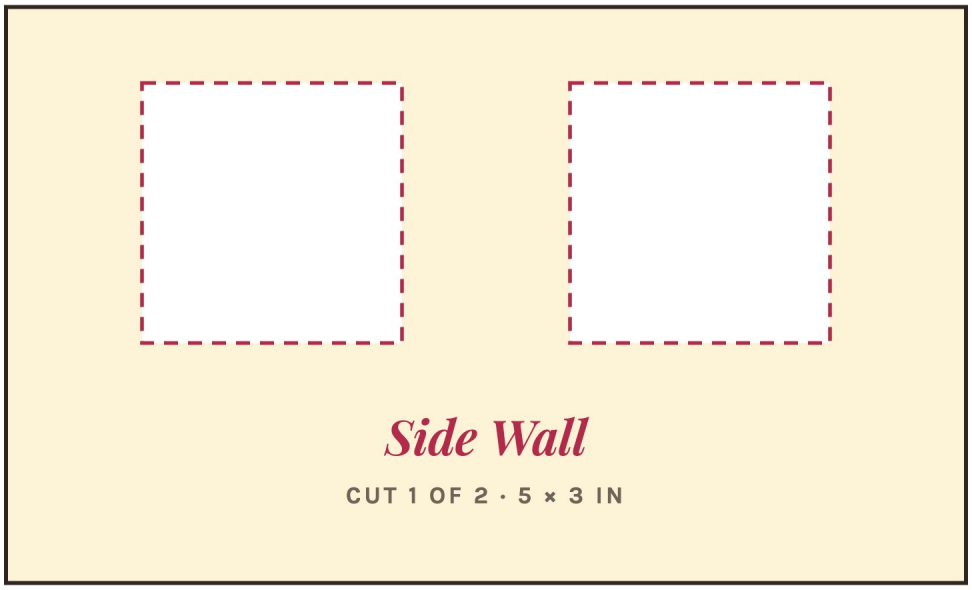
How it sits

The chimney perches on one roof panel. The slanted edges of the two side pieces rest on the slope, the tall front piece faces down the roof and the short back piece faces the ridge.

Flip one side piece over before baking so the pair mirror each other.

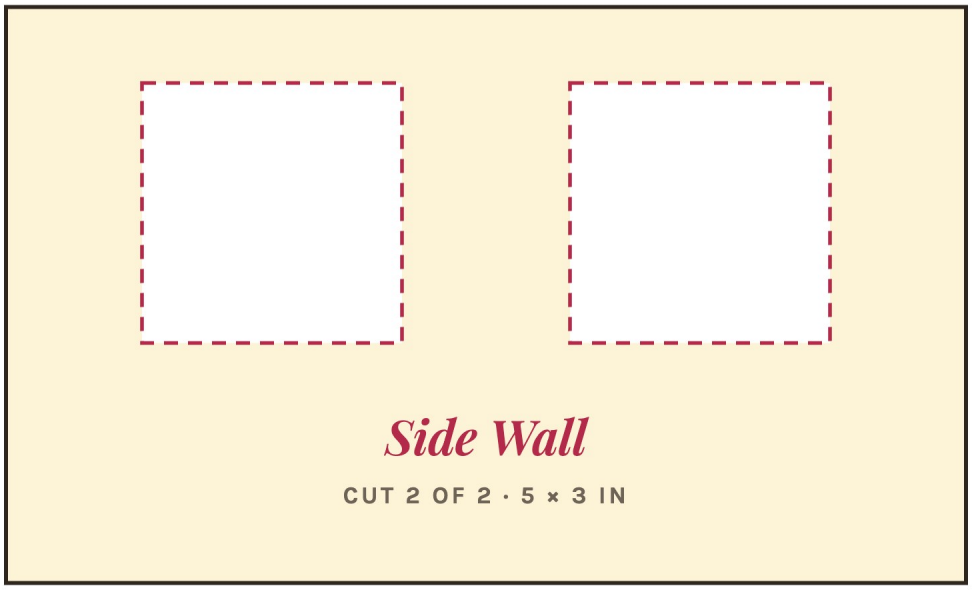
Side Walls & Trims

Shown actual size



Side Wall

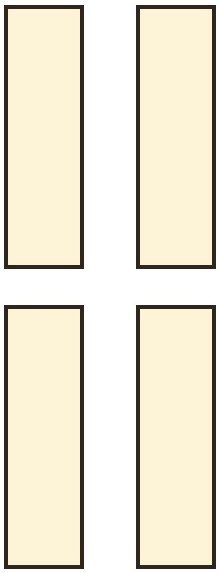
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Side Wall

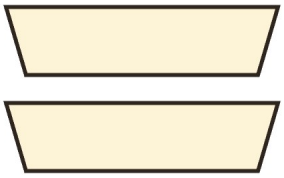
CUT 2 OF 2 · 5 × 3 IN

Shutters



CUT 4 · ONE PER SIDE OF EACH SIDE-WALL WINDOW

Window boxes



CUT 2 · FILL WITH PIPED TULIPS

Decorating ideas

- Pipe white scallops along the roof edges and the corners of the walls.
- Ice gelatin sheets behind the window openings for glass panes, then outline each window.
- Finish with a dusting of powdered sugar for fresh-fallen snow.

Roof & Trees

Shown actual size

RIDGE (TOP) EDGE

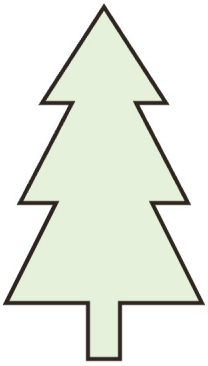
Roof Panel

CUT 1 OF 2 · 5.8 × 3.1 IN

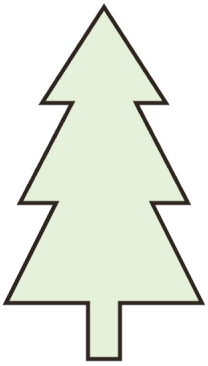
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TREE · CUT 1



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Stand each tree with a dab of icing on its trunk.

Baked with love

To: _____

From: _____

Merry Christmas

To: _____

From: _____

Paper gift tags · cut out, punch the hole and tie on with ribbon when you give your cottage away.