Gingerbread house template

Classic house · 6 × 4.5 × 4 in · Dough 6 mm · 45° roof

Pieces

Front wall	×1	6 × 7 in
Back wall	×1	6 × 7 in
Door	×1	1.4 × 2.5 in
Side wall	×2	4 × 4 in
Roof panel	×2	5.5 × 4.7 in
Chimney front and back	×2	1 × 1.9 in
Chimney side, short	×1	0.6 × 0.8 in
Chimney side, tall	×1	0.6 × 1.6 in

Dough: about 2 lb (920 g)
Board: at least 8 × 6.5 in
Sheets: 3 (Letter)

How to assemble

1. Print the template at 100% (Actual size) and check that the line on each sheet measures exactly 2 in. Cut out the paper pieces.
2. Roll the dough on parchment to 6 mm (about 1/4 in). Lay the patterns on it, cut around them and pull the extra dough away rather than moving the pieces, so they keep their shape.
3. Cut out the windows and the door. Chill the cut pieces on the baking sheet before baking so they spread less.
4. Bake until the pieces are firm. While they are still warm, lay each pattern back on top and trim the edges with a sharp knife. Let the pieces cool completely on a flat surface.
5. Make royal icing with meringue powder or pasteurized egg whites and beat it to stiff peaks. Frosting is too soft to hold up walls.
6. Pipe icing along the bottom and side edges of the front wall and one side wall. Stand them on the board at a right angle, with the end of the side wall tucked behind the front wall. Prop them with cans or jars.
7. Add the second side wall, then the back wall. The side walls fit between the front and back walls, so the house measures exactly 6 in by 4.5 in on the outside.
8. Let the walls set for at least 30 minutes, an hour if you can, before the roof goes on.
9. Pipe icing on the sloped edges of the front and back walls and the tops of the side walls. Press on one roof panel, then the other, and hold them in place for a minute. The panels meet at their bottom edges, so fill the small V-shaped gap along the ridge with icing.
10. Put the chimney together as a box on the work surface: the front and back pieces outside, the short side between them on the uphill end. When it has set, ice it onto the right side of the roof. The slanted bottom edges match the roof pitch.
11. Ice the door to one side of the opening so it stands slightly open.
12. Let the house dry for a few hours or overnight before you decorate.

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Recipes and where the baking advice comes from: gingerbreadtemplate.com/about

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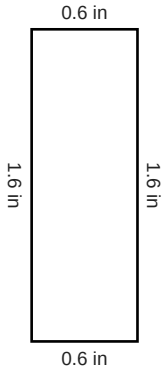
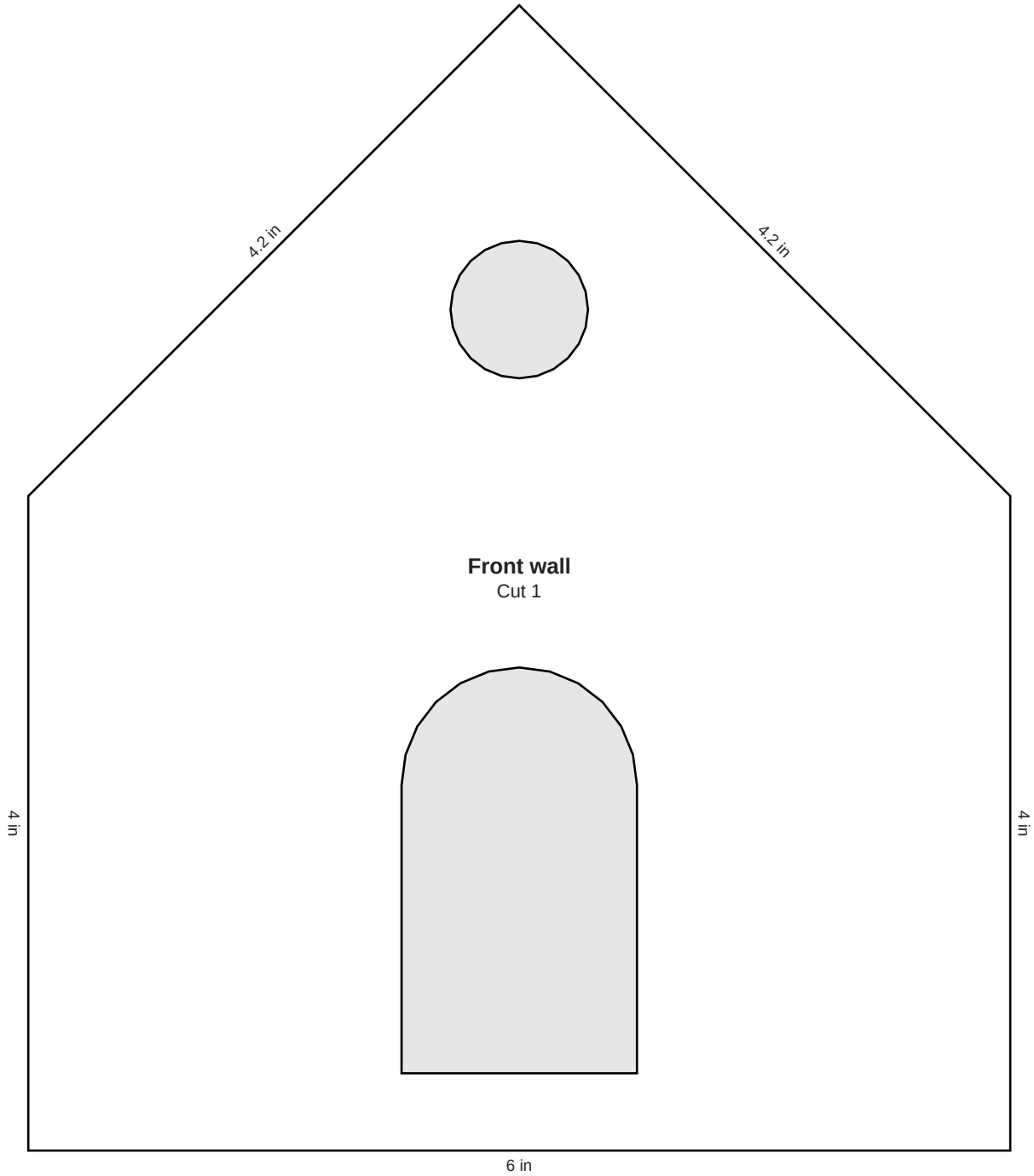
Chimney side, tall

Cut 1





Chimney side, short

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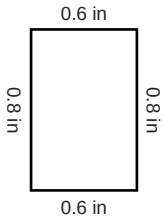

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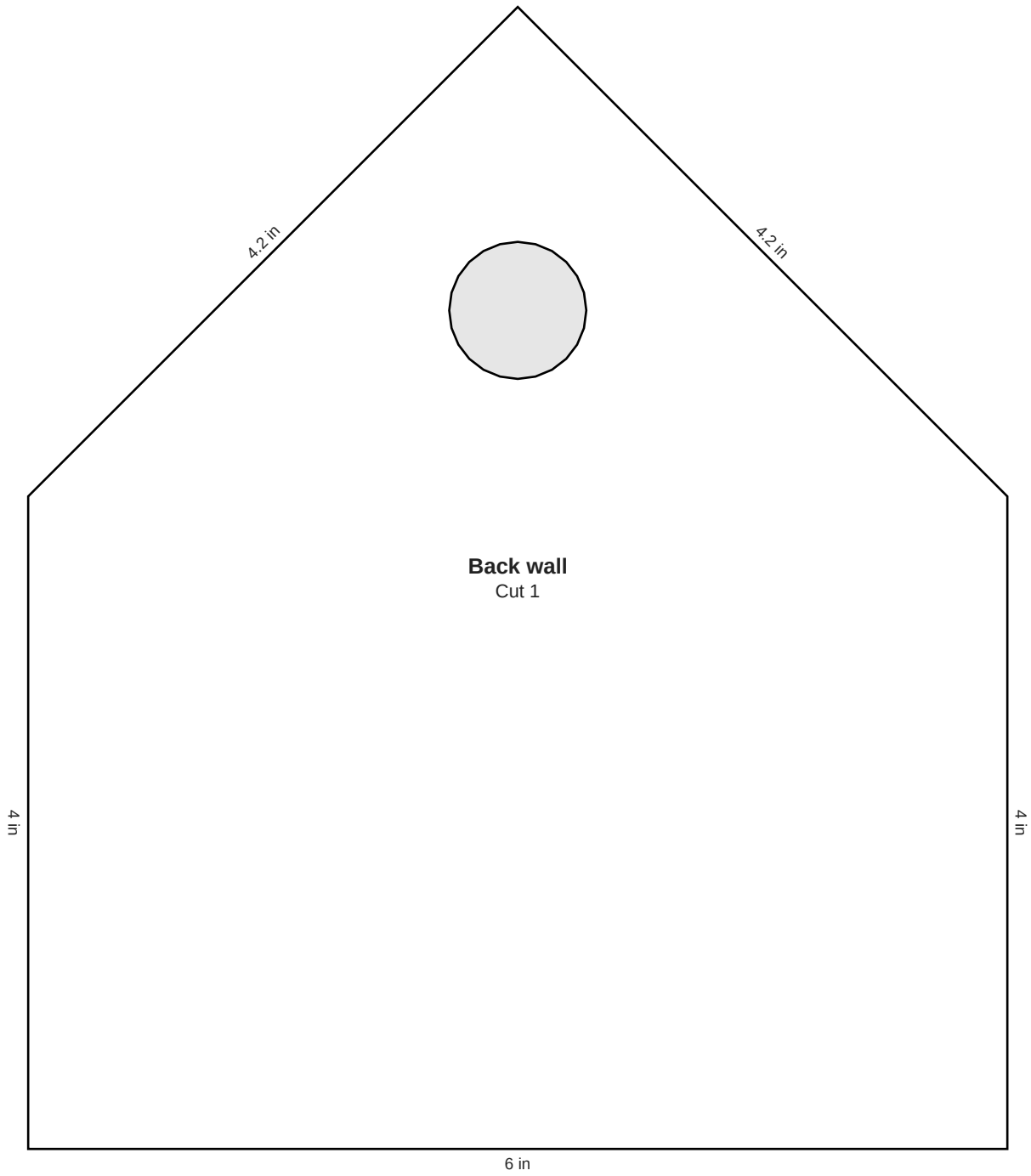

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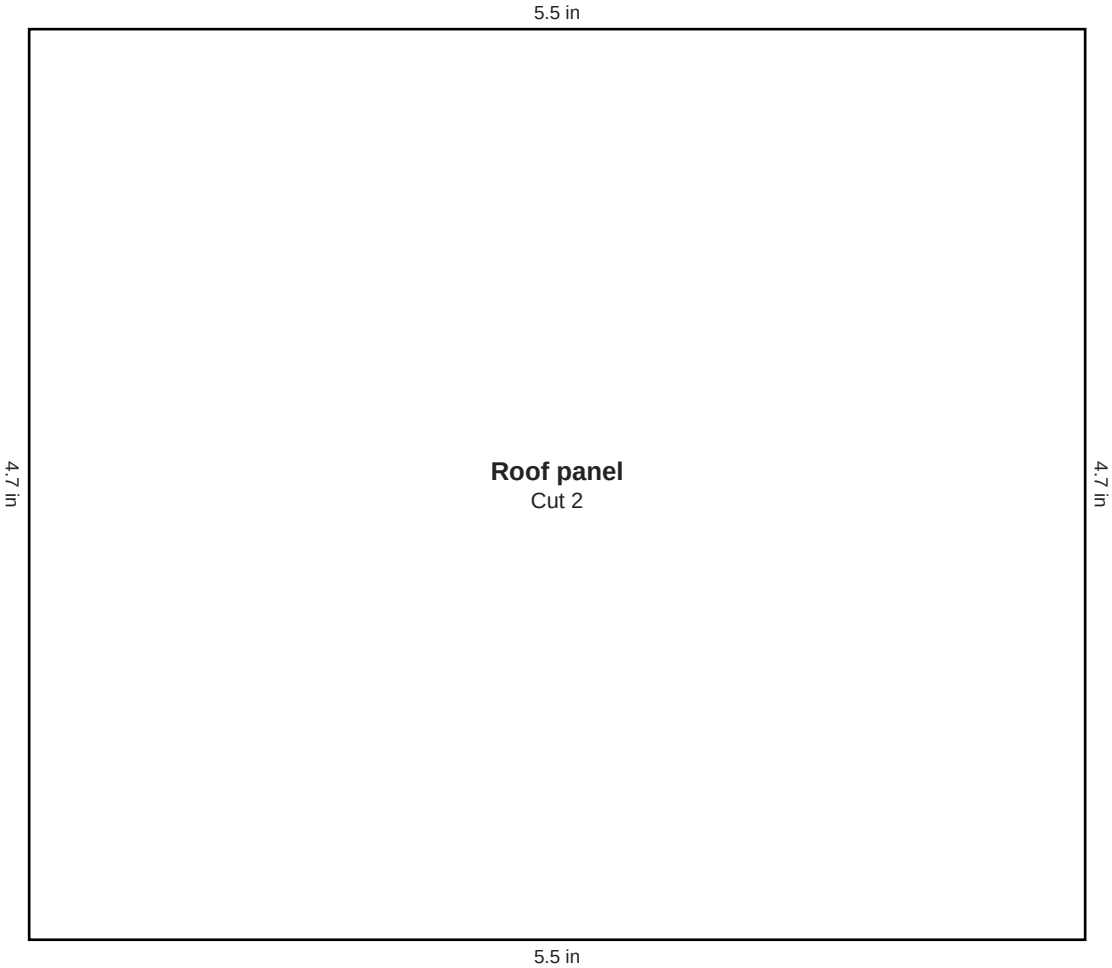

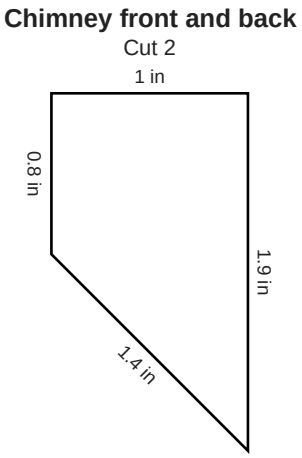

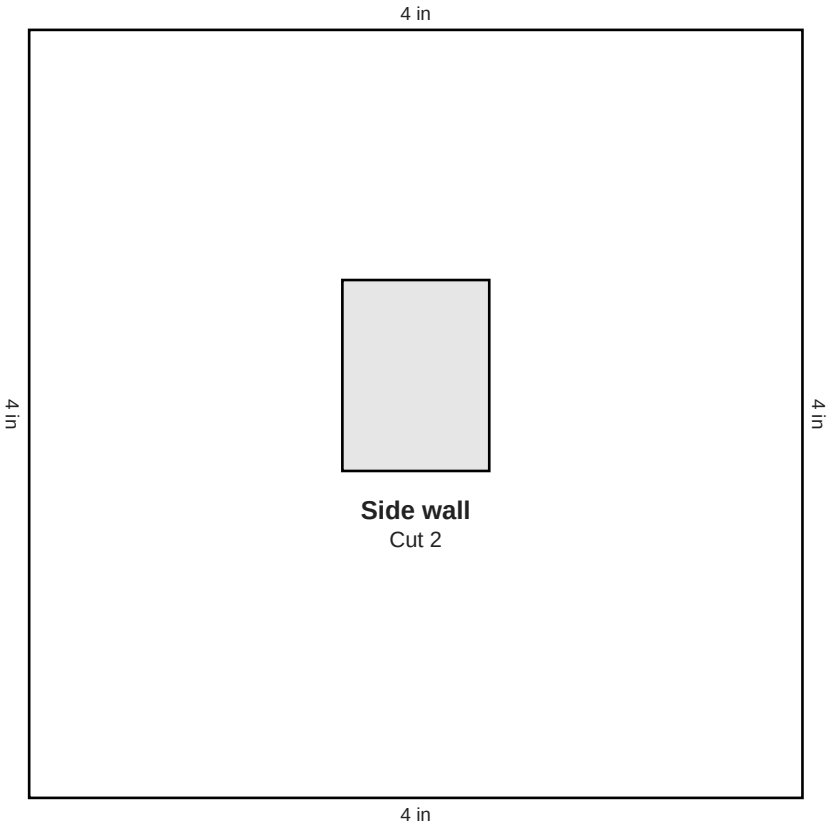

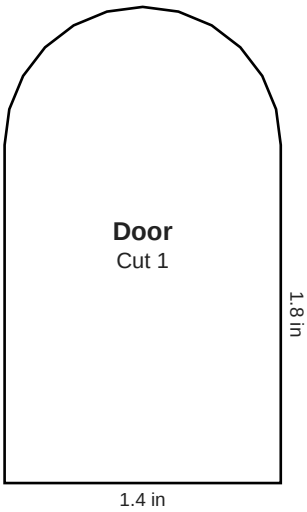

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