

Grab & Go Craft Kit: Glitter House

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Things to consider before doing this kit:

- If you want to make more than one house, use the house cut-out as a template and trace before assembling the kit – you can make more houses using cardstock or a cereal box.
- **Warning: This kit requires time and patience☺ Read through all of the instructions and be prepared to give enough time for glue drying between steps – and patience for re-gluing at times.**
- I tried a variety of glues and found the strong glue that is included worked best for me – but feel free to try others. Warning though, do not use super glue to attach the white frames to the house. The oil in the super glue seeps through and discolors the white frames. If, however, you have a glue gun at home, this is a great tool to use with this craft.

Supplies

Included in Kit:

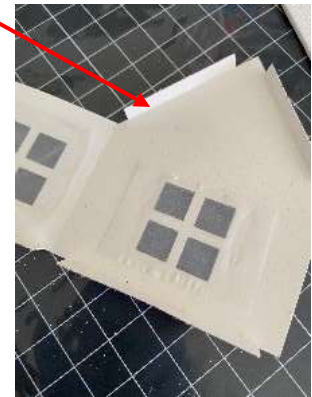
- The plastic bag that contains part of your kit – keep this, you'll need it!
- House cut outs
 - The colored body of the house
 - The white roof, chimney, chimney top, window frames, front door frame
- Glitter
- Glue
- Foam brush
- Fake snow
- Tree or wreath
- Vellum
- Small canvas board for the base

Not Included:

- Scissors
- Q-tips, toothpicks, or other way for applying glue (you can even use a strip of stiff paper)
- Optional, glue gun
- Paperclip, clip, or bobby pin
- Patience and a good attitude☺

Instructions

1. Cover your work area. You're going to use glue and glitter - it's going to get messy. Set up in a spot where you can leave it for a day or so; you're going to need glue drying time between steps.
2. Spread out all your stuff.
3. Grab your plastic bag – you can also use wax paper here if you prefer. Cut three sides of your bag apart so that it makes one flat(ish) single-layer piece. Put this down on your work surface.
4. Notice the scored lines on some of your cut-outs.
5. Grab the colored house cut-outs, slightly bend along the scored lines – you're going to be laying this flat again so no need to make 90 degree angles, but you just want to loosen up the scores.
6. Lay the colored house flat upside down on one half of the plastic (so the glitter side is down)
7. Attach the vellum to the inside of the window openings.
 - a. Cut 4 pieces of vellum so each piece fits over each of the clusters of window openings. Make sure to have them be big enough to glue around the edges – see the picture.
 - b. Apply glue to the outside edges of the vellum pieces, leaving the middle without glue.
 - c. Put the vellum in place.

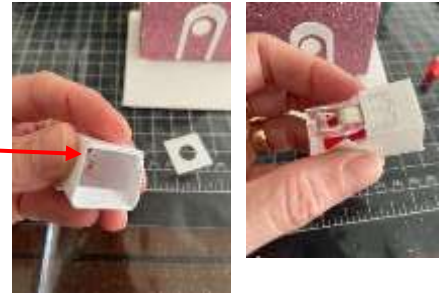


8. Flip the colored house over so the glitter side is now up.
9. Glue the white door and window frames to the proper spots on the colored house as pictured.
 - a. Be careful with the glue – you want to use enough so the frames stick to the glitter paper but not too much where the glue will seep out from under the frames.
 - b. Be careful when applying the door frame that you are not applying below the bottom of the house and onto the tab that will help attach the house to the canvas board.
10. Fold the other half of the plastic down over the house, pile some books on it.



11. Make your chimney.

- a. Fold along the score lines.
- b. Glue it together – see the pictures to see where.
Use the clip to keep it in place.



12. In a bit, you're going to be applying the house to the canvas board. We did not paint our canvas boards, but if you want to, this is a good time to do it.

13. Let everything dry.

14. If needed, add more glue and dry longer. Gluing with glitter paper is sometimes frustrating.

15. After letting the vellum and frames dry, form the house.

- a. Bend down the tab shown on the side of the house, apply glue, and attach to the INSIDE of the opposite side of the house as shown.
- b. Let it dry. I folded the house flat with the glued spots overlapping and placed it back under the plastic/book stack. You can use a clip if that works better for you.



16. After everything is dry, attach your house to the canvas board. From here forward, you can be generous with the glue – if it seeps out, it will look like snow.

- a. Carefully bend the tabs on the bottom of the house so they're at a 45 degree angle.
- b. Before applying the glue, find something that you will use as weights to help the glue set – I used some remote controls as you can see in the picture.
- c. Apply the glue to the tabs and press your house in place where you want it.
- d. Put the weights in place.
- e. At this time, attach the top of your chimney (the square with the hole in the middle) to the top of the chimney stack (which is the flat end of the stack) by using the tab on the chimney stack.
- f. Let everything dry.



17. Attach the roof.

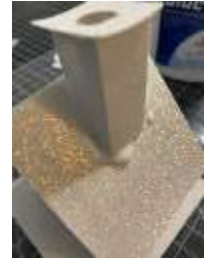
- a. Bend the roof along its center scored line.
- b. Carefully bend down the house's tabs that will connect to the roof.

- c. Apply glue to the tabs and place the roof of top of the house.
- d. Wrap the house in the plastic as pictured to apply light pressure.
- e. Wait for the glue to dry.



18. Attach the chimney – I was super generous with the glue on this one.

- a. Bend the tabs, apply glue and hold in place for a bit.
- b. Apply extra glue along the edges and let it dry – this is the hardest part to get to stick. Remember, your house can always not have a chimney 😊



19. Glue on your tree or wreath. Let it dry.

- a. If you have a wreath, apply glue generously to the wreath, place the house on its side so the wreath is resting flat, and let it dry overnight.

20. Now comes the best part – applying glitter and snow. There are no wrong ways to do this!

- a. Mix what glue you have left with a little water to make it like modge podge (4 parts glue to 1 part water)
- b. Put the modge podge wherever you want using the foam brush and sprinkle with glitter. Make “piles” of snow up against the base of the house, on the top or base of the chimney, or dripping off the roof – whatever you want. Sprinkle with the fake snow. You can even use white tissue paper and modge podge to make “snow drifts.”
- c. Stand back, take a look, and repeat until you get the look you want.

All done!

