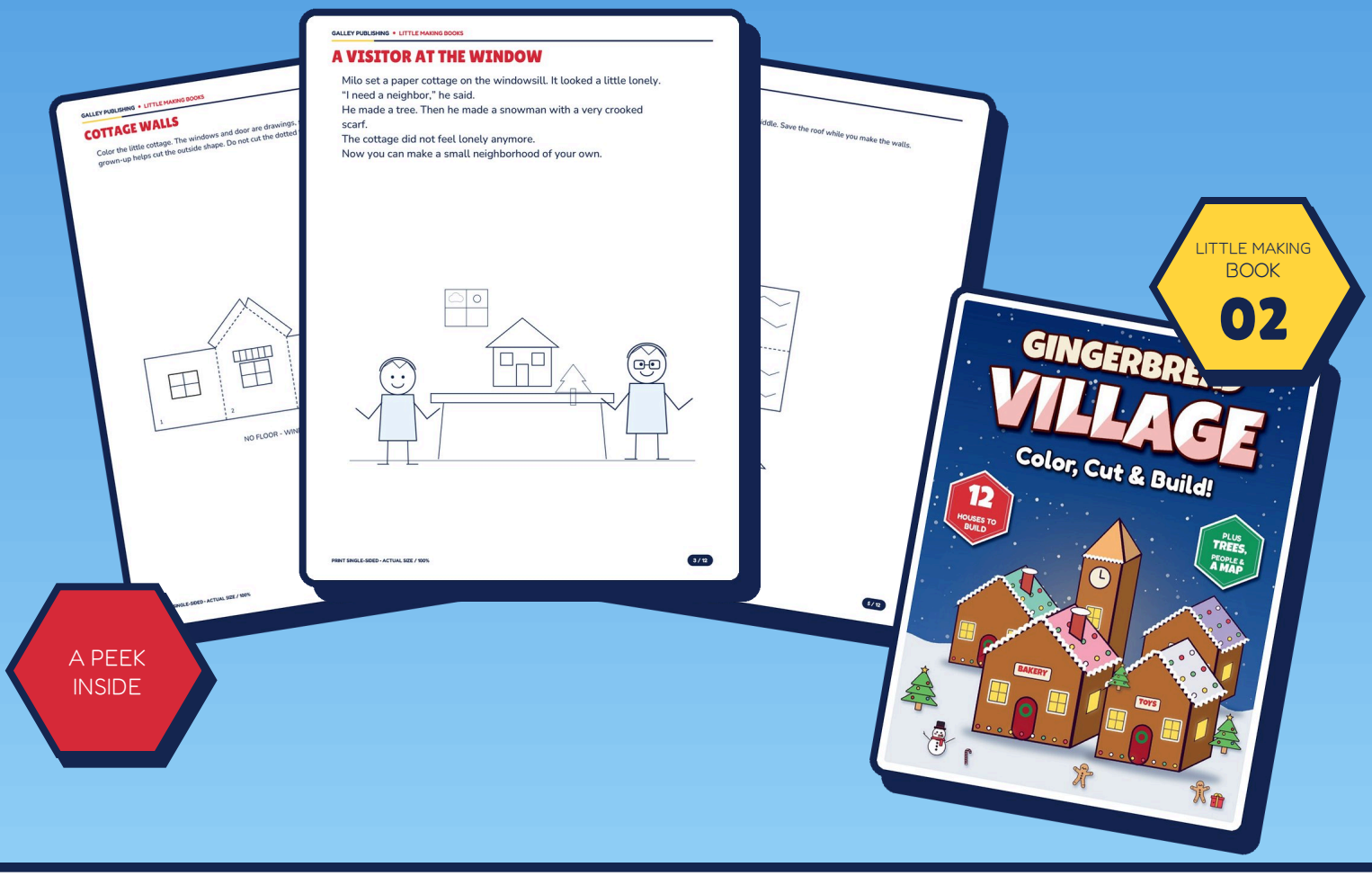
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BUILD A PAPER HOUSE A TREE AND A SNOWMAN



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Before we begin

Let’s make something together.

Print on one side of US Letter paper at 100% or Actual Size. The test square should measure one inch on each side.

Gather plain paper, crayons, a ruler, a glue stick and tape. A grown-up helps with all scissors work. Read each activity’s extra supply notes before starting.

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Measure this square before using templates.

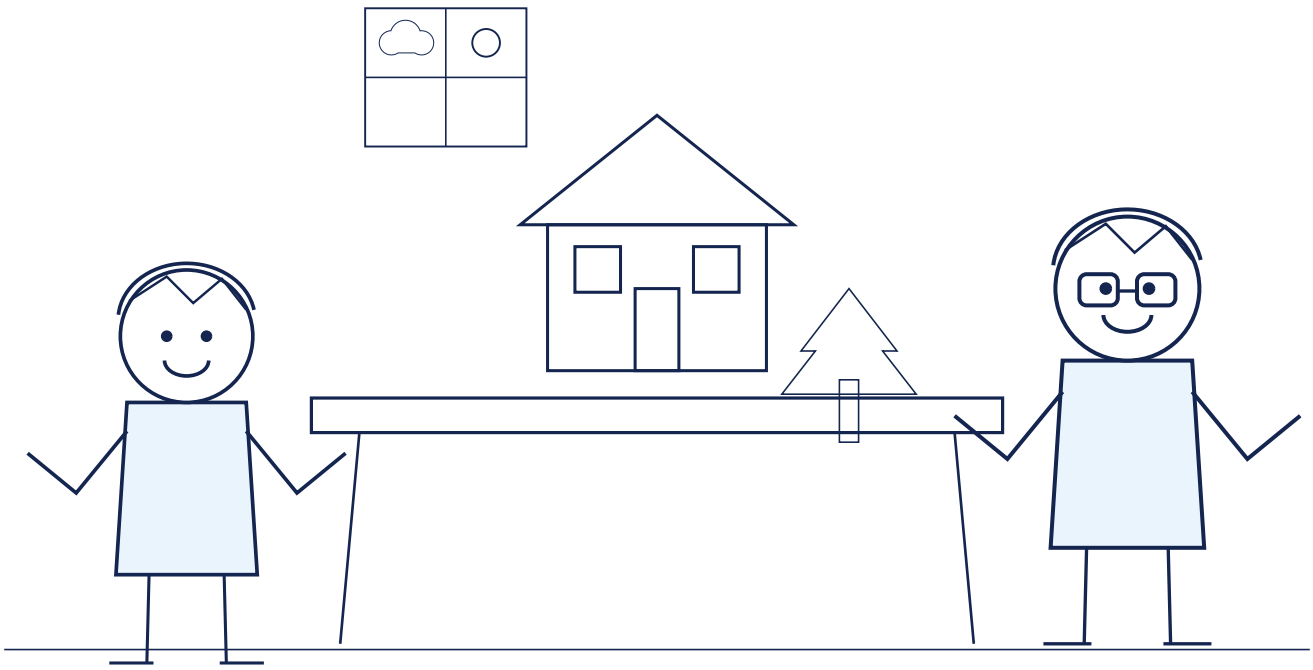
OUTSIDE CUT EDGE

FOLD

Keep drawn details inside each piece unless an activity says otherwise.

A VISITOR AT THE WINDOW

Milo set a paper cottage on the windowsill. It looked a little lonely.
“I need a neighbor,” he said.
He made a tree. Then he made a snowman with a very crooked scarf.
The cottage did not feel lonely anymore.
Now you can make a small neighborhood of your own.



COTTAGE WALLS

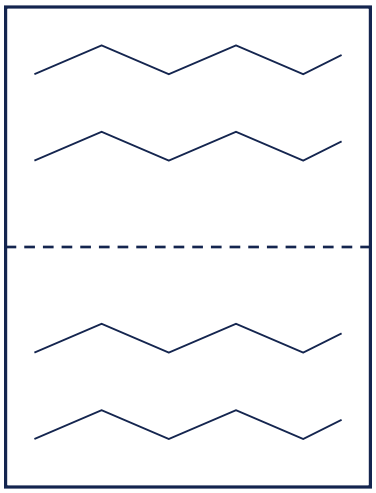
Color the little cottage. The windows and door are drawings, so leave them in the wall. A grown-up helps cut the outside shape. Do not cut the dotted folds.

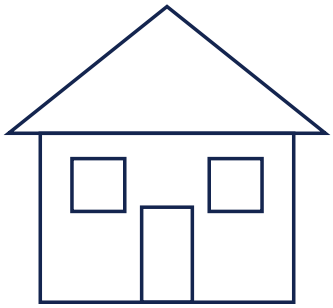


NO FLOOR - WINDOWS STAY IN THE WALL

COTTAGE ROOF

Color the roof before cutting. Fold along its middle. Save the roof while you make the walls.





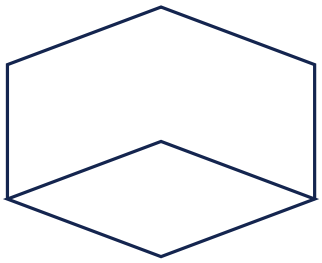
BUILD THE COTTAGE

1. Fold the walls on the dotted lines. Keep the pictures outside.
2. Glue the side tab inside the first wall. You have a square room.
3. Fold the small sloping tabs inward.
4. Put a little glue on the tabs. Center the roof over them, with its ridge above the two pointed walls.
5. Hold gently while the glue sets. The bottom stays open.

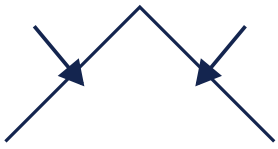
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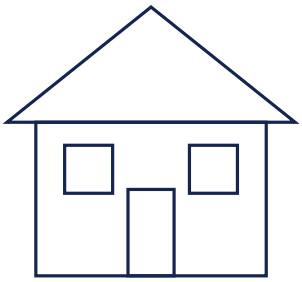
2. Join side tab inside



3. Turn gable tabs inward

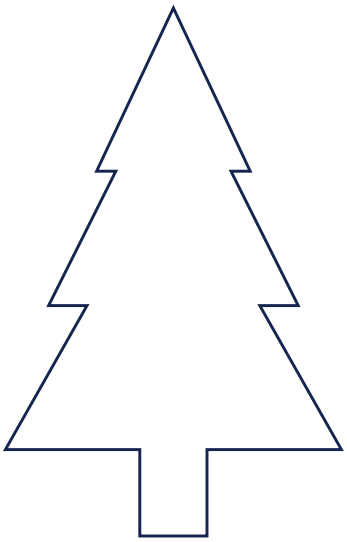


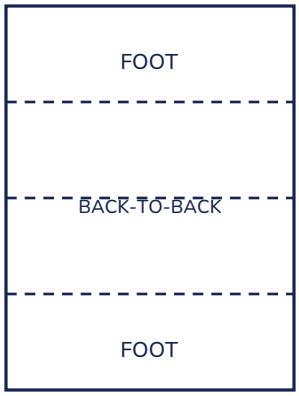
4. Center roof on tabs



ONE LITTLE TREE

Color the tree. A grown-up helps cut the tree and its stand. Fold the two middle panels of the stand together and glue their blank backs. Fold the two feet outward in opposite directions. Glue the bottom of the tree to the upright middle.





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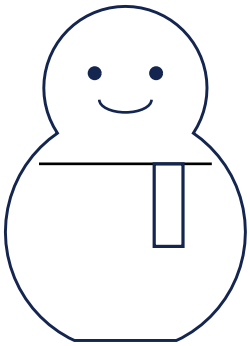
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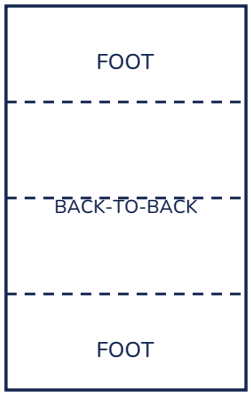


GLUE THE MIDDLE TWO PANELS BACK-TO-BACK

ONE SMALL SNOWMAN

Color the scarf. Give your snowman a friendly face. Ask a grown-up to cut the outline and stand. Fold and glue the two middle panels together. Fold the feet outward in opposite directions. Glue the bottom of the snowman to the upright middle.





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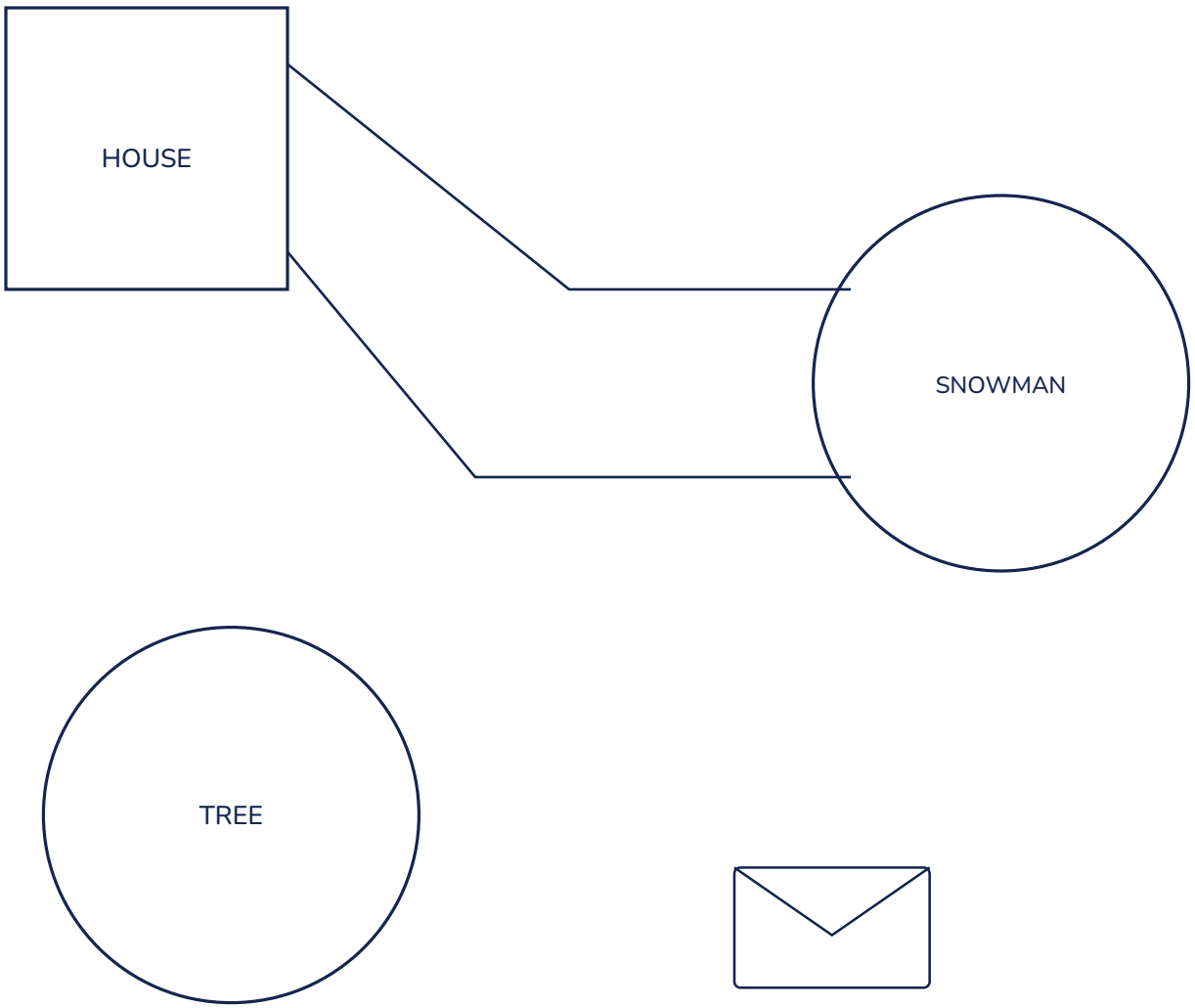
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A TINY STREET

Set the cottage on its square. Place the tree beside it and the snowman at the other end of the path. Move them whenever you like.
Who might visit next? Tell their story.



A NEIGHBORHOOD STORY

The snowman knocked very softly.
Tap, tap.
“Would you like company?” asked Milo.
The snowman could not come indoors. So Milo brought a paper chair to the window and told him a story.
A good neighbor can make room in lots of ways.
What story would you tell?

DRAW HERE

ANOTHER WAY TO PLAY

Try the activity in a different way. Choose one idea below, then draw or tell what happened.

1 MAKE A NEIGHBOR
Draw a new visitor on scrap paper. Use another copy of a stand to help it stay upright.

2 CHANGE THE STREET
Move the tree and snowman. Tell a new story about who arrives first.

3 TEST THE ROOF
Look at the overhang on both sides. Is the roof centered? Adjust before the glue dries.

Keep the making at your own pace.

MAKE IT YOUR OWN

Choose one idea from this booklet. Draw a change you would like to try. Tell a grown-up what you will keep the same and what you will change.

MY NEXT IDEA

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