Cyndie's "Etched Glass Door" Templates and Instructions

Front Door

Front Door Instructions:

1 Cut a 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of card stock in half to give two pieces 8 1/2" x 5 1/2". On one of the pieces, fold the sides in to meet in the middle. To make this easier, you can measure and score a vertical line 2 1/8" in from either side.

2 Cut the additional pieces shown on the template (at the end of this article) from the other half sheet of card stock.

3 Fold the doors to center, then glue the outer edges of the door pieces down to the doors next to the folds. Next, glue the three horizontal door pieces down to each door, starting with the bottom one (flush with the bottom edge of the door), then the top arched one. Place the middle one whereever it looks best to you (I like a little over halfway up).

4 Glue the door panels down, centering in the bottom half of each door.

5 Open out the doors so the card lays flat. With the doors facing up, carefully cut out the space where the glass window goes, with a sharp craft knife.

6 Using light, medium, or dark brown chalk on a sponge, "stain" the "wood" with chalk to the desired shade. Due to the variation of "staining" the different pieces, this looks more authentic than simply using brown cardstock.

7 With a lacy square punch, punch out design from vellum twice, one right next to the other so you have a rectagular area of punched out vellum. Trim this piece to about 1/4" larger than the door opening on all sides. Repeat this step for the other door.

8 Glue the vellum "glass" to the inside of the door cutouts.

9 Punch 1/8" holes at the center panel of the doors close to the edge, for the brads. Add brads in desired color for doorknobs.

10 Your basic door is done! Now you can add the finishing touches that add character. For instance, for Christmas time try putting a Christmas tree inside, and a wreath on the door.

China Hutch

China Hutch Instructions:

1 Trace or photocopy the china hutch template (at the end of this article) onto card stock. Cut on all solid lines and fold on dotted lines.

2 Using the photo as a guide, glue down all the pieces as shown.

3 Using light, medium, or dark brown chalk, "stain" the hutch to the desired shade. To avoid "staining" the inside of the hutch when you do the pieces close to the inside, make a mask of scrap paper to protect the inside.

4 Trace the outer edges of the cabinet doors onto vellum, and trim just inside the trace line. Dry emboss the vellum with a tiny floral pattern or whatever stencil you like. Glue the vellum to the doors on the inside.

5 If you want a shelf inside the hutch, mask off all but the shelf shape with Post-it notes, and apply chalk to that area.

6 With a sharp craft knife, carefully cut through the left side, right side, and top of the drawer area (but NOT the bottom) to make a fold-down door to put your message under. (If you are confused about this, see the photo at the end of this article.)
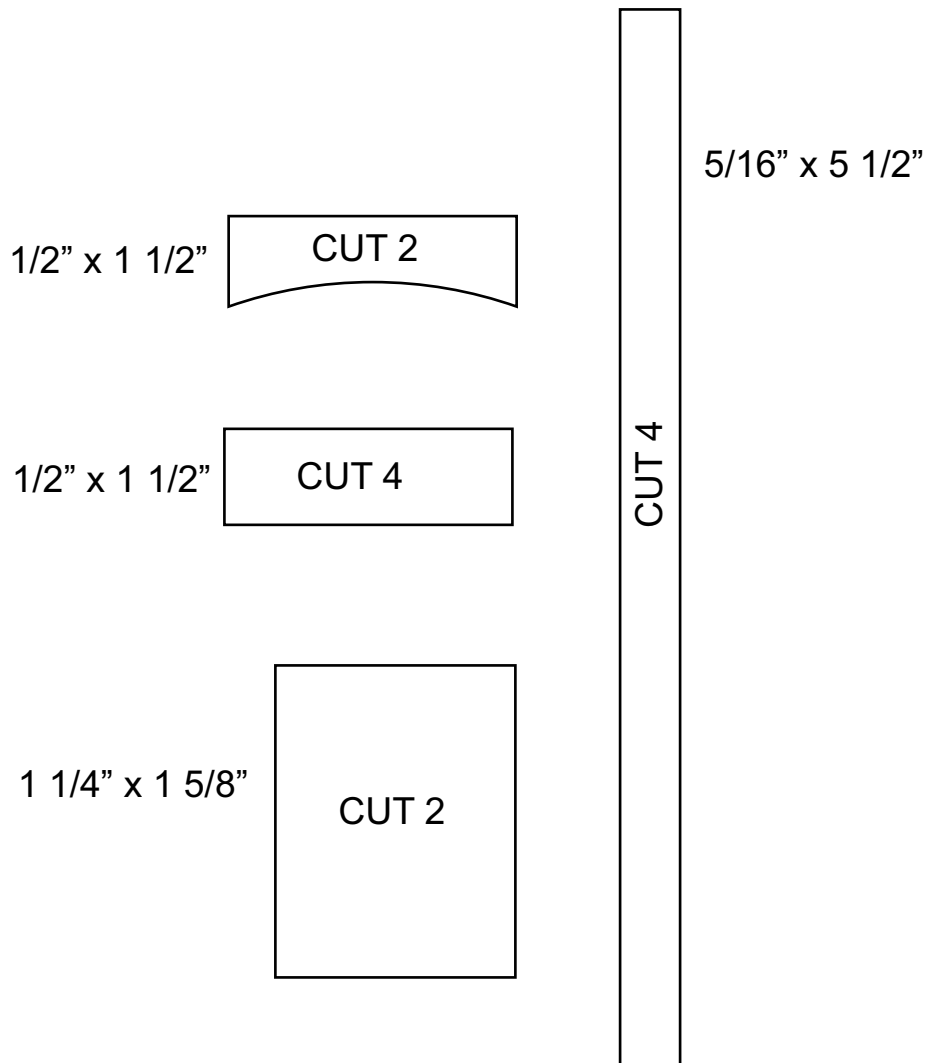
7 Punch 1/8" holes in the center of each drawer and at the edge of each door, for knobs. Add brads for the knobs.

8 Flip over the card and glue a piece of card stock to the lower back of the card, being careful not to apply glue to the drawer area. Flip the card back over, open the fold-down door (the drawers) to reveal the hidden message area.

9 Your basic card is done! Now you can fill the shelves with your own collections. Don't forget to stamp a message behind the drawers!

Front Door Template

5/16" x 5 1/2"

1/2" x 1 1/2"   CUT 2

1/2" x 1 1/2"   CUT 4

CUT 4

1 1/4" x 1 5/8"   CUT 2

Hutch template

Cut on solid lines,
fold on dotted lines.

CUT 1

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Drawers
Cut 3

panel
CUT 2

CUT 4