



## XmasbyQuiltmania with le P'tit Bûcheron

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Start by making your own houses, by tracing these provided.  
DON'T HESITATE to modify the ones I've provided, by lengthening them, widening them, modifying the roof... adding a small annex... the combinations are endless !  
Cut these out.

Fold your fabric in half, then transfer your templates on it with a pencil or a pen. Place a few pins, then machine sew over the line, leaving an opening for turning. If you plan to insert a chimney, leave the opening at roof level.

**Cut around the houses to approx. 5 mm, then place them on the wadding and cut all around. Iron the wadding to one side of the house, then turn it inside out after notching the corners and cutting off the edges.**

**Fireplaces: sew a strip of fabric folded in 2, turn inside out, iron and cut to size.**

**Stitch your houses shut invisibly, then insert the chimney (if you are using one).**

**Iron.**

Painting: First paint the backgrounds, front and back, the whole house if your roof is not visible, otherwise the front and roof separately. The front can also be painted in 2 colors. (You can add the second color later).

Leave to dry (chalk paint dries quickly).

**Apply a second coat when dry, then on one side: paint the windows (often painted black or white or some other very light shade) and the door. You can either paint them directly, or sketch them out beforehand, using grey pencil. First, paint the window rectangles (or other shapes) dark or light.**

For snow covered houses: paint your roofs white (the ripples at the bottom of the roof will imitate snow), then paint the base white, imitating snow drifts.

When your facades are dry, paint with a fine brush the frames, window outlines, doors... shop windows... snowflakes (for winter houses, little curtains... little details...).

Then "dress up" your facade by drawing a few lines to imitate wood or brick laths, painting small decorations, frescoes, etc. Look at comic book illustrations.

Then, embroider with colored thread around certain elements... sew bits of lace, buttons... give your home its soul!!

#### Tip :

To sew the P'tit Bûcheron buttons in an easier manner, place the button in the desired position, pass half the needle through one of the button holes and pierce the fabric. Then sew as normal (the visible hole on the reverse side will help you place the button correctly). Don't forget to push the needle with the thimble!

#### Advent house :

Paint or sew the number(s) on the fronts, and on the back glue your clothespins to grab the string and as well your little surprise. Hang your houses on a thick string using your clothespins, and «furnish» them with branches, bells, candy canes, gingerbreads, hearts, etc. (templates for the last 2 are on the template sheet).

You can also glue your houses to a wooden board.

Paint little wooden counters to create characters that will add charm to your «Advent Street»!

You can also model them in self-hardening clay, which you can paint once it has hardened. Then you can dress them up with mini braids, lace, bits of fabric...

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