

Do It Yourself- Christmas Chocolate House !

A Fun Family Activity to do Together

Watch Mimi on You Tube!

Type in Morkes Chocolate Christmas House

or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxk2LC3Hbms>

This kit requires a minimum of 2 hours to complete.

It is highly recommended that the house pieces are molded on one day, and assembled on another day, especially for candy makers younger than 8 years old.

Read through all the directions before you start, *and* watch the You Tube Video and follow along with Mimi!

Your Kit Contains the following:

- **Chocolate-Milk, White and Red, Green Chocolate**
- **2 reusable plastic Christmas House molds-wash and completely dry (overnight is recommended, before use)**
- **1 reusable plastic mold-decorative pieces**
- **Sixlets, gummies and sprinkles for decorating**
- **Cups, spoons, plastic trays to melt the chocolate**
- **A white paper tray for you to work on**
- **Plastic apron for you to wear and protect your clothes**

Materials you should have ready at home:

- **Microwave**
- **Small microwavable bowls for melting the chocolate**
- **Spatulas for stirring the chocolate**
- **Additional teaspoons to use to fill the molds with chocolate**

- Vegetable oil, coconut oil or Crisco, for adding to the colored chocolate to make it easier to work with
- Sandwich ziploc bags for use as decorating bags

Step 1: Mold the Pieces of the House, 4 walls pieces, 2 roof pieces, chimney, doors (this could be done on one day, and the assembly and decorating the next day)

- Lay the 2 molds for the House on a flat surface. You will need to mold 2 pieces to create the roof, 4 wall pieces, the chimney and door. Decide if you would like the roof to be in white chocolate and the walls is milk chocolate or vice versa. Up to you-there is no wrong way to make the house!
- Add any of the candies or sprinkles to the mold for extra decoration.
- Melt one type of chocolate *slowly* in the microwave-20 seconds at a time, on 50% Power. There is no need to spray the mold with anything, the pieces will come out just fine. Then 10 sec. more, stir thoroughly each time. (you can add a ½ tsp oil to the chocolate to make it easier to work with. Be careful! You can overheat the chocolate or seize it (meaning it is too stiff too stir. More heat will not melt it ☹️)
- Spoon the chocolate into the molds. Tap the molds on the counter or tabletop to remove any air bubbles. Let the chocolate cool for 15 minutes at room temperature, then transfer the molds to the refrigerator for another 20 minutes. Gently turn the molds over; the pieces will come right out.
- Any left over melted chocolate is reusable!

Step 2: Mold the Small Decorative Pieces

- Lay the mold for the Decorative Pieces on a flat surface. You can use any of the chocolate for these pieces. Milk, White, Green or Red.
- Add any of the candies or sprinkles to the mold for extra decoration.

- Melt one type of chocolate *slowly* in the microwave-20 seconds at a time, on 50% Power. There is no need to spray the mold with anything, the pieces will come out just fine. Then 10 sec. more, stir thoroughly each time. (you can add a ½ tsp oil to the chocolate to make it easier to work with. Be careful! You can overheat the chocolate or seize it (meaning it is too stiff too stir. More heat will not melt it ☹)
- Spoon the chocolate into the mold. Again, tap the mold to remove air bubbles. Let the chocolate cool for 15 minutes at room temperature, then transfer the molds to the refrigerator for another 15 minutes. Gently turn the molds over; the pieces will come right out.
- Any leftover melted chocolate is reusable!

Step 3: Assemble the House-Think of the melted chocolate as your glue.

- Make sure you have some melted chocolate ready to use.
- Begin with the front (pointy part) and a side. Dip the end of the side in melted chocolate and hold to the inside of the front. Set for 2 minutes.
- Dip the other side in chocolate and hold to the other side of the front for 2 minutes
- Take your spoon and coat the open ends with chocolate and attach the back.
- Add a spoon of chocolate to each corner to make it stronger.
- Attach one side of the roof at a time by putting chocolate on each pointy side and holding the roof in place for 2 minutes. Repeat for the other side.
- The 2 chimney pieces need to be glued together, using melted chocolate, and attached to the side of the roof.
- On to Decorating!

Step 4: Decorate the House-Have fun with your decorations and use them all up!

- All the candies and sprinkles included in the kit are to be used to decorate your house, as well as the molded pieces .

- **Maybe Santa can be attached to the chimney on the roof.**
- **Maybe the sprinkles can be arranged in the molds before the chocolate.**
- **Attach any of the candies to the walls or roofs**
- **After your house is on the white tray, decorate the area around the house-make a snowman, or a walking path or anything else you can imagine!**