I’ve included the pictures for reference on how to put it together.

Make a batch of Royal Icing. Lay patterns flat under wax paper and pipe over pattern with a #3 tip. I start with the vertical and horizontal lines first, then pipe the criss-cross lines last. After you make all the criss-cross lines I go over the outside lines and windows one more time to give it a little more stability. Let dry completely. I found the best way to remove the bigger pieces from the wax paper is to move it to the edge of your table slowly pull the edge of the wax paper down over the table edge, holding out your hand to catch the piece as it peels off the wax paper. Make extra pieces if you feel a little nervous.

To assemble: I put the church together first before putting on my cake board—there's some pictures on the next page). For this church I used a 12” cake found and put a 10” round of white fondant. On a flat surface take the back piece and one side wall—pipe one edge of the wall with Royal Icing and push together at 90 degree angle. Take second side wall and pipe back edge with Royal Icing and attach to back piece. Pipe two generous lines of Royal Icing on the front wall sides and gently attach to the side walls. Adjust the fit if needed—gently! Assemble the steeple in the same way, starting with the steeple base, then attach the steeple sides. I pipe two of the stars for the top and then glue them together with icing. Let dry completely. Once the star is dry attach it to the steeple top and let that dry completely. Once everything has dried, set the Church on the base to determine placement and then pipe around outside of church to mark where it will sit—lift it off and set aside and pipe icing onto the base where the church will sit and then place the church back on top of the icing to glue it down. I used a #5 round top to pipe dots all around the roof, windows, doors, etc. You can use a start tip, or let your imagine take hold. There are no wrong ways to do this!

You can use fruit roll-ups to make stain-glass windows if you like, just be sure to put them on the inside of the walls before you assemble the church.

This is a pattern I found about 25 years ago in a popular woman’s magazine (can’t remember which one). Have fun and make it your own!

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I assemble the church before I put it on my cake board—helps you to square the walls properly—let dry completely before putting on your cake board (or whatever you use to display it).

Below: I put the pews on my cake board first—secure with drops of royal icing. Then put the church over top of them.
For the larger pieces I pipe the horizontal and vertical lines first, then do the criss-cross lines last.
Pews for the Icing Church

Put wax paper over the pattern and then pipe w/a #2 or #3 tip—let dry thoroughly. I put the bottom seat on first and put the back support piece after they dry. I usually use 8 inside the church so make extras in case of breakage.