

Gingerbread Houses

3Less mess than a real gingerbread house!

Supplies:

- Popsicle or craft sticks
- Wallet sized photo
- Wooden or plastic beads
- Wooden or plastic discs
- Puffy paint
- Glitter
- Faux leather scraps, foam, felt or fabric
- Red & White twine
- Brown, red, white and various paints
- Mod Podge
- Strong non-toxic glue
- Hot glue



1. Take 8 popsicle or craft sticks and line them up to create the base of the house. You can trim to whatever length you'd like.
2. Glue another stick horizontally across the bottom. You may need to trim this one to fit accordingly across the back. You can use hot glue or any strong glue.
3. Flip the piece over and glue another stick across the top. Glue two more sticks to form a triangle at the top. You can trim these based on how tall you want the roof to be.
4. Flip the piece back over and fill in the space of the triangle by gluing more sticks horizontally across. You can use some of the scraps you may have trimmed earlier.



5. Make the candy decorations. There are endless possibilities for this, let your child be creative!
6. Using the discs you can make peppermints with red and white swirls, add glitter with Mod Podge and paint over the whole thing. This helps the glitter to stay on better.
7. If the wooden or plastic beads are not already colorful, you can paint these.
8. Use the puff paint on any stick trimmings to make gumdrops. Let them dry, then paint over with the glitter and Mod Podge mixture.
9. Paint the front of the house brown and let dry.
10. Decide what size you want the door to be and cut out a template. Use the template to cut out your photo, and glue the photo to the bottom center of the house.
11. Decorate with the candies you created.
12. Cut a door from the material of your choosing using the same template you used for the photo.
13. Add trim to the door if desired. Add a bead for the door knob. Add glue to the back left side of the door and glue it along the left edge of the photo.
14. Add a loop of twine or ribbon to the back of the house for hanging as an ornament. If you'd prefer, you can add a magnet instead.



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