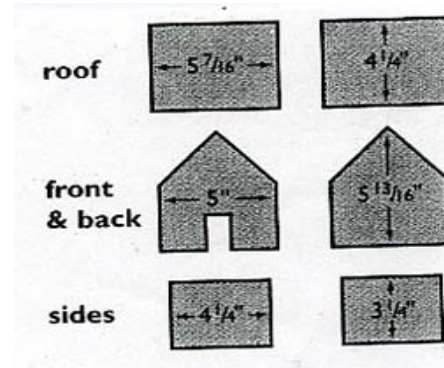


## **INTERIOR DESIGN ELEMENTS/PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN UNIT MINI GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

You Will Need

### **For the Gingerbread**

1 cup light corn syrup  
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar  
½ cup vegetable shortening  
4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 tablespoon ground ginger  
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon



### **Making the Gingerbread**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a small pan, cook corn syrup, brown sugar and vegetable shortening over medium heat, stirring until smooth.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, ginger and cinnamon. Mix well. Add corn syrup mixture, stirring until dough forms. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough out to a ½ thick rectangle. Cut shapes (see template below); place 1 inch apart on baking sheets. Bake 10 to 15 minutes. Place sheets on racks; cool slightly. Trim cookies; cool completely.

### **For the Icing**

1 cup confectioners' sugar  
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 egg white  
1/3 cup boiling water

1. For icing glue, in a medium bowl, combine confectioners' sugar, cream of tartar and egg white; add boiling water. Beat until icing holds stiff peaks.

2. Working with the front and sides of house first, generously apply the icing glue along adjoining sides. (It's best to apply icing with a pastry bag fitted with a medium tip, but you can also use a spatula.) Hold the walls upright while the icing hardens. Repeat with remaining sides.
3. Once sides are firmly together, liberally apply icing glue to bottom edges. Attach house framework to the cardboard base. Let icing harden.
4. Next, apply roof. For best results, apply the icing glue to top edges of side, front and back walls. Apply icing glue along peak of roof. Gently press roof pieces in place. Allow icing to harden well before decorating.

### **For the Decorations**

Prepared vanilla frosting  
Candy  
Ice cream cones  
Snowmen  
Christmas trees  
Pretzels

1. Using a pastry bag fitted with a small tip, pipe decorations onto house.
2. Spread cardboard base with frosting and attach frosted cereal or pretzels as a fence while frosting is still moist.
3. Spread the roof liberally with frosting and attach sweets as desired. Let icing harden before moving to display area.

Makes 1 House

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