Gingerbread: teacher guide

Gingerbread person and 3D gingerbread house

One page
for the adult

Materials

- Brown card or paper (or white to colour)
- White crayon, buttons or stickers
- Thin card (160–200 gsm)
- Scissors and a glue stick
- Sweets, sequins or paper shapes to decorate (optional)

Time

- Gingerbread person: 15–30 minutes (longer for fine detail)
- 3D gingerbread house: 30–45 minutes (longer for fine detail)

What it practises

- Cutting round curves (heads, hands, feet)
- Folding on lines and gluing a tab (3D house)
- Planning a design before decorating

Three levels

- Easy: one big person or a flat house front to colour and stick on.
- Standard: two people with icing lines to follow; a house with walls in one strip and a roof.
- Fine detail: a paper-doll chain; a house with cut-away windows and a door that opens.

Before you start

Print the house on thin card. Score the dashed lines with a blunt pencil and a ruler so they fold neatly.

Ideas to extend it

Tell a story about the gingerbread person; count the buttons; build a street of houses for a display.

Safety

Use real sweets only where food is allowed and allergies are known; paper shapes work just as well.