

#### 2023 HOLIDAY GINGERBREAD HOUSES

# **GINGERBREAD DOUGH**

- 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup all-purpose flour
- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon ground ginger
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon cinnamon
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon baking soda
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> teaspoon salt
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1 stick unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 2 eggs, cracked and mixed with a fork
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup molasses
- 1. In a medium sized bowl, whisk to combine flour, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking soda, and salt.
- 2. In the bowl of a stand mixer, cream brown sugar and butter until thoroughly combined. Add eggs and molasses and mix until combined.
- 3. Add the flour mixture 1 cup at a time until it is all combined. Dough will become stiff at the end and you may need to mix with spatula.
- Cover the dough and refrigerate for 30-45 minutes.
- 5. Preheat oven to 350°F
- Remove the dough from the fridge. Lightly flour a cutting board and your rolling pin. Roll dough out to no more than ¼" thick. Cut out cookies and place on a cookie sheet lined with parchment paper.
- 7. Bake for about 8 minutes. Place on a wire rack to cool.

## ICING

- 2 pasteurized egg whites
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 3 cups powdered sugar
- Using a hand mixer, beat egg whites and lemon juice until combined. Slowly add powered sugar until you reach the desired consistency.
- 2. Use a spatula to transfer to a piping bag.

### **HOUSE DIMENSIONS**

Roll gingerbread dough out to less than ¼" thick. Cut out each pattern with a bench scraper:

- 2 sides: 4"x4
- 2 ends: 4" wide, 4" to the roof line, then slanted to a peak 6" from bottom
- 2 roofs: 4" x 5 ½"

### DECORATIONS

- Shredded coconut
- Gum drops
- Marshmallows



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