

DIY Gingerbread House Contest

Make Your Creation at Home and Bring It In!



Calling All Bakers and Creators!

We are excited to announce our 1st Gingerbread House Contest! This is your chance to showcase your creativity and baking skills by designing and constructing a gingerbread house at home and bringing it in for display and judging.

How to Participate

1. Build Your **DIY Gingerbread House** at Home: Use your favorite recipes, candies, and decorations to create a unique gingerbread house. All ages and skill levels are welcome!
2. Bring Your Creation: Carefully transport your gingerbread house to our contest venue on the designated date. Please ensure your house is sturdy enough for display.
3. Register online to participate! Let us know you are going to participate so we have your space ready when you arrive!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/diy-gingerbread-house-contest>
4. Check-in Upon Arrival: Sign in and take your entry to your designated area.

Contest Rules

1. One Gingerbread House per participant
2. Gingerbread House kits are allowed to be used **ONLY** by participants ages 12 and under.
3. All Gingerbread Houses must be placed on a board base and fit in a 2.5-foot cube space.
4. Please include your name on the bottom of the base.
5. No artificial interior materials, such as Styrofoam, are to be used to construct or decorate the house.
6. All Gingerbread Houses must be made of gingerbread, 100% edible candy/embellishments/materials with the exception of the base board.
7. Non-edible decorations, like paint, ribbon, figurines, etc. may be used **ONLY** to decorate your base.

Contest Details

- Date: Please bring your gingerbread house on Saturday, Dec 12th, 2025, **before** 11:00 am. If it arrives later, we cannot guarantee it will be judged for prizes.
- Location: Norris Penrose Event Center, 1045 Lower Gold Camp Road
- Judging Criteria: Originality, creativity, attention to detail, and overall presentation.
- Age Group Categories: Adults and older, Children 13 to 17, Children 8 to 12 and Children 3 to 7
- Prizes: Winners will receive fun prizes and be featured on our social media and website!

Tips for Building Your Gingerbread House

- Plan your design before you start assembling – adhere to contest rules.
- Allow plenty of time for the icing to dry and set.
- Be creative with decorations! Use candies, cookies, cereal, or even pretzels.
- Transport your house in a sturdy box or container to keep it safe.

Judging Criteria

Houses will be evaluated by celebrity judges based on the following criteria:

1. Creativity & Originality (30%)
2. Unique concepts, inventive use of materials, and unusual designs will score higher.
3. Effort & Craftsmanship (30%)
4. Attention to detail, visible effort, and quality of construction will be considered.
5. Visual Impact (30%)
6. Overall, first impression
7. Audience Reaction (10%)
8. Crowd appeal or audience votes, if applicable, may contribute to the final score.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the contest, please contact us at info@candycaneshowcase.com

Need advice on building your gingerbread house, try - <http://www.kingarthurflour.com/baking/documents/gingerbread.pdf>

Let Your Imagination Run Wild!

This contest is a wonderful opportunity for families, friends, and individuals to come together, celebrate the holiday season, and share their creativity. We can't wait to see the amazing gingerbread houses you bring in!