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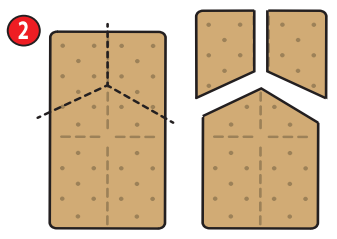
A HOLIDAY FAMILY CRAFT!

GRAHAM CRACKER GINGERBREAD HOUSES

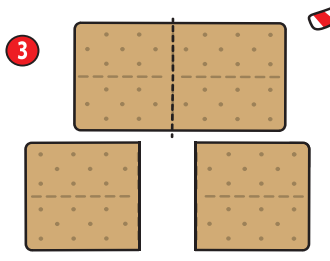
STUFF YOU'LL NEED:

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Make icing by mixing 2 cups powdered sugar with 3 to 4 tablespoons milk. Whip until it is the consistency of toothpaste.

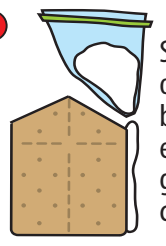


2. Using a **gentle** sawing motion, carefully cut the corners of two graham crackers with a bread knife.

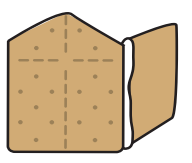


3. Next, carefully cut a full size graham cracker in half.

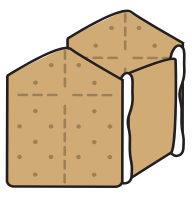
4. Put icing in zipper plastic bag. Snip a tiny hole in a bottom corner of the bag.



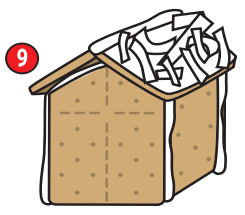
5. Squeeze a line of icing from bag along edge of graham cracker wall.



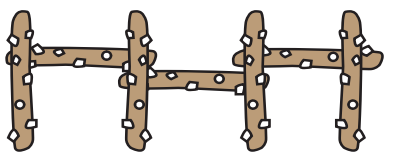
6. Attach graham cracker wall as shown.



8. Keep attaching walls and roof panels with icing.



9. Frost roof and sprinkle with coconut flakes.



10. Use icing and pretzel sticks to make a fence for your house.

Seeing Double

Gingerbread houses come in an endless variety of shapes and sizes. Can you find the two gingerbread houses that look exactly alike?

More decorating ideas!

Frost ice cream cones to make trees. Add candy ornaments.

Use marshmallows, pretzel sticks and candies to make snowmen.

Licorice ropes form pathways.

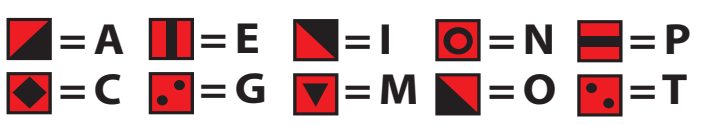
Extra! Extra!

Holiday Cards

Make your own holiday cards or gift tags by clipping out words and pictures from your newspaper or printing them from the online edition. Paste these onto paper to make into a card or gift tag.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Use the code to discover the two most important ingredients in making a gingerbread house.



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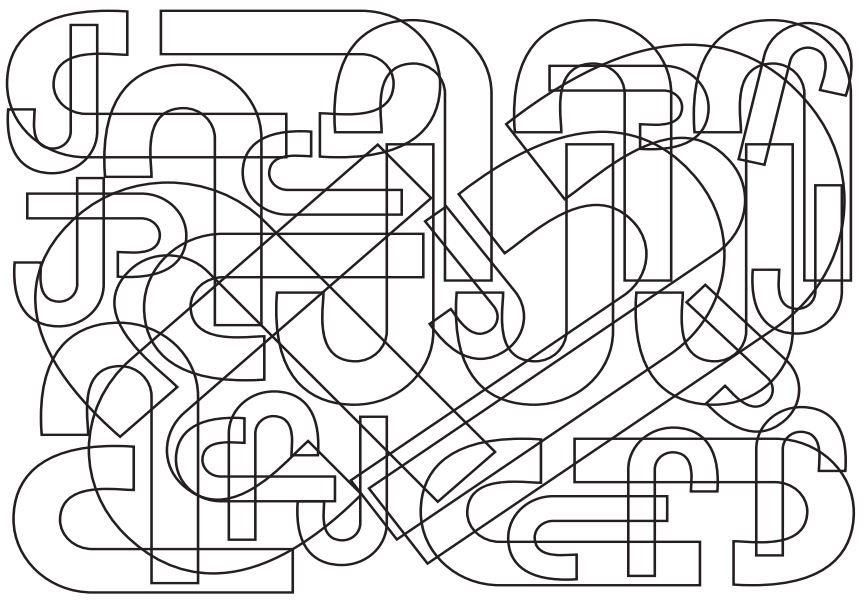
Kid Scoop® Puzzler

How many candy canes can you find in this box?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop® Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

SPRINKLE
CRACKER
PRETZEL
COCONUT
GRAHAM
ZIPPER
HOUSES
DOUBLE
SAWING
IDEAS
ICING
SUGAR
CANDY
MILK
WHIP

G	T	U	N	O	C	O	C	Z	P
R	I	Y	D	N	A	C	I	S	I
L	E	Z	T	E	R	P	M	P	H
H	L	K	N	G	P	A	S	R	W
O	B	E	C	E	H	U	A	I	G
U	U	R	R	A	G	B	W	N	M
S	O	R	R	A	R	E	I	K	I
E	D	G	R	A	D	C	N	L	L
S	S	A	E	D	I	S	G	E	K

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recongized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop® LESSON LIBRARY

Winter Clues

Look through the newspaper for ten or more clues that it is winter in your town. Write a paragraph describing the winter holidays in your town. Incorporate words that you found in the newspaper.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas.

Write On!

I built my house of ...

Finish this sentence and then write five details about your home.

Fill in The Blanks!

Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

NOUN 1: _____

NOUN 2: _____

NOUN 3: _____

VERB 1: _____

VERB 2: _____

VERB 3: _____

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new _____ (NOUN 1) in the snow. He picked it up and started to _____ (VERB 1) back home. He wrapped the gift in _____ (NOUN 2) and put a nice big _____ (NOUN 3) on top.

Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to _____ (VERB 2) around in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to _____ (VERB 3) merrily while jumping for joy.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

Chilly Challenge

Edith Elf wanted to measure the snowfall at the North Pole for one week. She started on Sunday, and stopped the next Saturday. It snowed every day that week. Each day the amount of snow in her bucket doubled. On Saturday, the bucket was full.

On what day of the week was Edith's bucket half full?

ANSWER: It snowed twice as much each day as the day before, so that means that on Friday, Edith's bucket was half full. It doubled that night and was full on Saturday.

Kid Scoop® VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
CONSISTENCY

One meaning of the noun **consistency** is the degree of firmness or stickiness.

The mud was the **consistency** of bread dough.

Try to use the word **consistency** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.