Simple guidance for making gingerbread house for adults and children

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Here are some real houses from Old Sanaa, the capital of Yemen. If you google «Houses in Old Sanaa you will find more. Be inspired and make patterns for your ginger bread houses.



Make the patterns for the walls. Here are examples of what you can use as material. Try to cut in all foo, straight edges. It will make the assembling of the walls easier.

Dough

In Norway one can buy ready made dough in all food stores before Christmas. If readymade is unavailable, you will find recipes on Youtube. Look for «Gingerbread house dough»

Baking



Adapt a baking paper to your oven tray. Place the paper on a flat kitchen towel and roll out the dough directly on the sheet of baking paper. The towel will prevent the paper from moving. Try to make the rolled out piece of dough to cover the paper.



Roll the dough 2-3 mm thick.



Place the pattern(s) on the dough and cut out the walls with a pointed, sharp knife. Avoid pulling the edges.



Cut out as many walls as the dough allows. There should be some distance between them. They will grow a little bit when they are baked in the oven.



Pull the sheet of baking paper on to a baking tray. Be careful not to disturb the shape of the walls.



You recipe will have instruction on temperature and baking time. Cool the walls on a grate.



If the walls don't fit together properly, you can straighten the edges like this.

Piping bag



Make triangles as shown in the photo. Follow the instructions in this Youtube video:*«Making a piping bag»*

You can make the bag stronger by using a staple or a piece of tape. Make the tip tight, then cut the hole to the wanted size.

Royal icing

500g icing sugar, 2 egg whites, 1/2 dl lemon juice. Search on YouTube: Gingerbread house royal icing



Don't fill up the bag. It's important that you can fold down the top edge and roll it down as you are using the icing.



Now you are ready to decorate the walls. You may want to practice on a piece of paper before you start on a wall. You make straight lines by holding the tip a little bit above the susface and pulling the icing.

Assembling the walls



We have tried out different methods, and we think that baking glue is the best solution for this project. Melted sugar makes the houses stronger, but it is very hot and may cause burns. Warm up the tube in a micro oven or hot water to make it more fluent. Place glue along the edges (be generous) and help each other to press the walls together. Try getting the corners right. Don't move the house for a while.





Now your turn! 😳

Remember to take photos and videos of your gingerbread houses and wish peace to Yemen and share it on the social media on the hashtag: <u>#1000pepperkakehusforJemen</u>

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