

## **Gingerbread Houses** (No State Fair Exhibit)

- Enroll in 4-H, pay annual program fee, and enter project in V2.4honline by May 15
- Enter exhibit(s) in FairEntry by last business day in June, which is June 30, 2021. See page 7 Rule #23.
- Exhibits checked-in Saturday, July 24 from 9am-12 noon, judging starts at 12:30 pm

An Allen County 4-H General Record Sheet must be completed, signed and turned in at the beginning of check-in for All Exhibit Building Projects.

4-H'er may exhibit a maximum of three (3) gingerbread houses.

Gingerbread houses for this project must be made of real gingerbread (not graham crackers or cardboard). All decorations must be edible, and Royal Icing will be used for glue. Gingerbread houses can be more than just Christmas decorations. You may choose any holiday theme, fairy tale castles, barns, churches, stores, forts, or other historical buildings. Decorations may be added to the yard and roof, and you may add people, trees, animals, etc., but everything must be edible.

All age groups must have their gingerbread house mounted on a covered base. The gingerbread house and the extra items in the yard all need to be securely anchored to the base with Royal Icing. All materials in the house and the decorations must be edible. No plastics allowed.

Levels:

**Beginner Grades 3 – 5**

**Intermediate Grades 6 – 8**

**Advanced Grades 9 -12**

Exhibit Requirements:

**Beginner – Grades 3-5**

A simple house structure. Your gingerbread house should be mounted on a covered sturdy base. Beginners have the option of using a kit. You may choose to decorate the house and yard.

**Intermediate – Grades 6-8**

A basic house or other structure. Your structure should be mounted on a covered sturdy base. No kits may be used in this division.

**Advanced – Grades 9-12**

The structure for the advanced category need to be a more complicated than intermediate structures. The structure may have more than one section. The walls of your structure may be textured to look like brick, stone, siding, or a log cabin, etc. Your structure should be mounted on a covered sturdy base. The house may have more than one section. The windows need to be cut out and filled with candy “window panes” made of melted hard candies (see manual). The walls of your structure may be textured to look like brick, stone, siding, or even log cabin, etc. You also have the option of using a colored Royal Icing glaze on your walls. Your gingerbread house should be mounted on a covered sturdy base. You have the option of lighting your house from the interior (see description in manual). If so, you may have your house lit during judging, but it will not be lit during fair week. No kits may be used in this division.