

# Gingerbread Party

## PLANS FOR A LAST MINUTE PARTY

### The Party Plan

**What to do at the party? Keep it simple: Mingle. Decorate gingerbread houses. Eat treats & snacks.**

### The Gingerbread Plan

You'll need to bake the gingerbread houses at least one day before. I recommend this recipe and all the tips on this page that make it easy to do. A batch of dough and frosting will make 5 to 6 houses.  
<https://frogprincepaperie.com/gingerbread-house-tutorial-and-how-to-from-a-pro/>

**Make sure you have these ingredients on hand for gingerbread baking:**

- ☐ Granulated Sugar
- ☐ Brown sugar
- ☐ Solid shortening (the cheapest you can find)
- ☐ Molasses
- ☐ 10 eggs per batch or 4 eggs and meringue powder
- ☐ Salt
- ☐ Baking soda
- ☐ 6 C flour per batch
- ☐ Ginger
- ☐ Cinnamon
- ☐ 2 lbs powdered sugar
- ☐ Cream of Tartar

**One for each house:**

- ☐ Eight or 9 inch cardboard cake circles
- ☐ 12 inch pastry bags
- ☐ rubber band

**Make sure you have at least five of these ingredients on hand for gingerbread decorating:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gum drops                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lollipops    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkles                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Red hots     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peppermints (round)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Soft mints   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mini peppermint candy canes  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kit Kats     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large peppermint candy canes | <input type="checkbox"/> Nilla Wafers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red and green M&Ms           |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Skittles                     |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Red hots                     |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Necco wafers                 |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gingerbread man cookies      |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Twizzlers                    |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hershey Kisses               |                                       |





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### The Party Food Plan

Quick and easy is what you need when you're working with a short time line. If you spent the day before the party baking all your gingerbread, make sure you get on the computer and order some pre-made party food before you go to bed!

Members only clubs like Coscto and Sam's Club often have pretty fabulous deli platters already made, and bulk containers of dips and things. Super fancy stuff that you have to hunt for and exotic ingredients are for another time. Keep this simple!

My party trick to make everyone think you did it all: replate the dips from the plastic bowls to pretty serving bowls and put the fruit and veggies on festive serving platters. That only takes a few minutes and you'll look like a rockstar!

**When making a menu for snacks to serve, here is what is great to have on hand:**

A three cheese plate:

- ☐ Mild cheese (cheddar, muenster, or fontina)
- ☐ Soft Cheese (brie or goat cheese)
- ☐ Strong cheese (smoked gouda or blue cheese)
- ☐ Almonds
- ☐ Raspberries
- ☐ Water Crackers or thinly sliced baguette
- ☐ Pot of honey (optional)

Fruit tray with cut fruit

- ☐ Grapes (off the stem)
- ☐ Strawberries
- ☐ Blueberries
- ☐ Cut kiwi
- ☐ Sliced apples

- ☐ Veggie tray with dip
- ☐ Three types of cookies: chocolate chip, brownies and sugar cookies
- ☐ Spinach dip and hummus (or whatever dip your heart desires), chips or crackers for each

**Drinks and paper supplies:**

- ☐ Water in bottles
- ☐ Mini cans of soda - small cans keeps kids from overconsuming!
- ☐ Capri Suns/juice boxes
- ☐ Alcohol enough for two beverages per anticipated guest of age
- ☐ Small plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Forks if your were chosen food offerings require it (the above list does not)
- ☐ Coffee and hot cocoa if you are equipped to serve it to a crowd





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### The Party prep timeline and to-do list

#### (HOPEFULLY) WAY BEFORE THE PARTY

- ☐ Send out invitations
- ☐ Figure out how many houses you need to bake

#### TWO DAYS BEFORE THE PARTY

- ☐ Order any gingerbread making/decorating ingredients for pick up
- ☐ Make any decorations you plan to put up:
  - ☐ Hanging snowflakes
  - ☐ Giant gingerbread house
  - ☐ Pom pom garland

#### DAY BEFORE THE PARTY

- ☐ Pick up gingerbread making ingredients from grocery store (if needed)
- ☐ Bake gingerbread houses according to instructions, cut and let cool
- ☐ Make royal icing
- ☐ Assemble houses on cake circles
- ☐ Put a dollop of royal icing in each 12-inch bag for decorating and tie with a rubber band
- ☐ Clean the house

#### DAY OF THE PARTY

- ☐ Pick up food from grocery store/members only club
- ☐ Put up minimal decorations if you're already decorated for Christmas
- ☐ Plate snacks and place on serving area with napkins and plates
- ☐ Put tablecloth on decorating tables
- ☐ Place a gingerbread house and frosting bag at each place setting
- ☐ Put candy in bowls for the kids/adults to choose from for their houses
- ☐ Ice beverages in coolers or buckets (or in the fridge) and set up drink station
- ☐ Put on your party dress
- ☐ Play on some festive music and wait for the guests to arrive!