2026 Gingerbread House

Construction Guidelines

BASE

All entries must be mounted on a sturdy base. The base is considered an integral part of the design and will be judged; however, it is the only element of the entry that is allowed to be inedible. The base top must be completely concealed with edible product. The sides of the base can be trimmed with non-edible items such as ribbon.

SIZE (Note new size!)

Due to limited space base cannot be larger than **12”x12”.** No design elements should extend past the base. Houses can be smaller than their base.

DESIGN

The design structure is not limited to a “house;” however, it must be a building of some sort. Consider a traditional gingerbread house, a dog house, a garden tool shed, a school, a church or a monument. Competitors are welcome and encouraged to uniquely design their entry.

MATERIALS & CONSTRUCTION

- Basic structure can be made of gingerbread or graham crackers.
- Entry must be original but you can use a gingerbread kit(s) as your starting point.
- The entry must be delivered fully-completed, attached to its base
- The entry must be delivered with a completed info card. Labels are attached.
- Any entries must include only edible parts (except the base and any added lights)
- **Do not use anything that requires refrigeration,** such as egg or butter icings and jello preparations as the house will be sitting out for approximately a month.
- The house must be sturdy and well-constructed to withstand this time frame.
- Please allow for some temperature change in the display room that could cause “melting.”

HOUSE IDENTIFICATION

• Each entry must be accompanied with an appropriate label. See attached.

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