



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Official Rules and Guidelines



1. There is no cost to enter. All entries must be constructed in 2024.
2. Design, bake and decorate a gingerbread creation. All artwork must have major components including, but not limited to, a roof and walls. ALL ENTRIES MUST USE EDIBLE MATERIAL ONLY (no glue, string or tooth picks or other non-edible materials).
3. Entries must be original - no gingerbread kits allowed. The structure can be of any shape or design. (barn, house, chicken coop, castle, etc.-- use your imaginations)
4. ENTIRE DISPLAY EXCEPT FOR BASE MUST BE MADE OF EDIBLE MATERIALS. Entries must be constructed of mainly gingerbread or graham crackers and icing. Decorations can include unwrapped candy, cookies, crackers, cereals, pasta and any other food items.
5. All entries must be on a wooden or heavy cardboard base, no larger than 18" x 18". Entries may have battery operated lighting. Feel free to give your house a special "Holiday Name" such as Winter Wonderland, Reindeer Games, A Star Wars Christmas, Santa's Workshop, etc.
6. BRING YOUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE to the HAVANA MAIN STREET OFFICE AT THE SLAPPEY BLDG at 101 W. 7th AVENUE in HAVANA ON DECEMBER 13th between 10- 5pm. Your name, house name and age/category will be placed next to your entry.
7. Gingerbread "houses" will be on display at 101 W. 7th Avenue all day Saturday during the Havana WinterFest. The public will vote on their favorite creations throughout the day of the WinterFest.
8. Winners will be announced at 3pm on Saturday, December 14. Winners do not need to be present.
9. Participants will need to pick up their gingerbread house on Saturday after judging, December 14 by 5p.m. Entries not picked up by 5 p.m. on December 14 become the property of Havana Main Street.
10. A GRAND PRIZE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED IN EACH DIVISION:
 - Group 1 - Children only - 13 and under - construction can be of any edible material.
 - Group 2 - Teen, adult, family/group - must be constructed of baked gingerbread.
 - Group 3 - Skilled/professional bakers must use authentic gingerbread base for the structure and any other edible material.

For more information, send an email to: Festivals.HavanaMainStreet@gmail.com

