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22 GIFT GINGER COOKIES

These delicious treats are perfect for sharing and make the sweetest of homemade gifts.

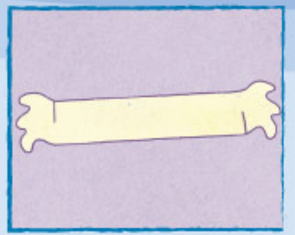
185 g plain flour
65 g caster sugar
2 teaspoons ground ginger
60 g cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
1 tablespoon water
1 egg, lightly beaten
Icing for decoration made by mixing 100 g icing sugar with a little water until thick enough to coat the back of a spoon. Colour some with blue or other food colouring.

Mix together flour, sugar and ginger, rub in butter then add water and egg, and blend to a stiff dough. Chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Knead, and roll out to about 5 mm thick. Cut out cookies, then bake for 10 minutes in a 180°C/gas mark 4 oven. Decorate with icing in dots, stripes and patterns to match pictures.



23 COOKIE WRAPS

Dress up simple cookies in their own wing-shaped wraps, and serve on a pretty plate.



1 Trace and transfer one wing onto white watercolour (or thick) paper. Extend band by 18 cm then transfer other wing to other end. Cut out.



2 Using a blunt tip, emboss wings with curved pattern as above. Interlink ends to secure.



24 GINGERBREAD HOUSE

They'll love this adorable "gingerbread" house as much as the present inside.

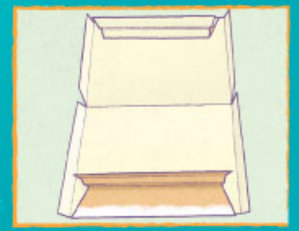




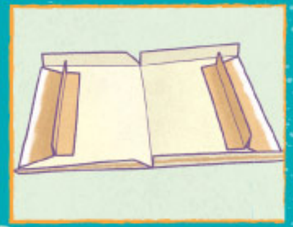
1 Press out card shapes. Take wall sections of box and stick smaller section to larger one using tab A.



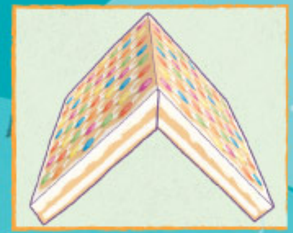
2 Fold along all scored lines. Stick tabs B to B, C to C, D to D and E to E, matching letters, to make a house shape.



3 Fold sides of roof inwards, then ends back on themselves. Fold second scoreline back other way and glue edge of roof down at F.



4 Fold on next scoreline to stick position G together. Then stick H down on roof.



5 Put small dab of glue on I, fold along ridge of roof and stick in place. Position roof on top of house by tucking the roof's inner flaps inside the outer walls.

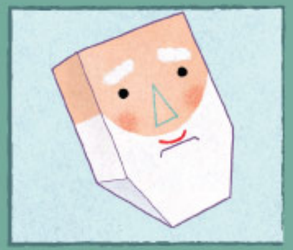


NODDING SANTA

Christmas Day at last! Time to build the Nodding Santa to supervise the festivities. No workshop or elves are needed to put him together – simply press out the card pieces and follow the simple instructions.

You'd better watch out
You'd better not cry
Better not pout
I'm telling you why –
Santa Claus is coming to town!





1 Fold along dotted lines. Match and glue tabs at A, B, C and D.



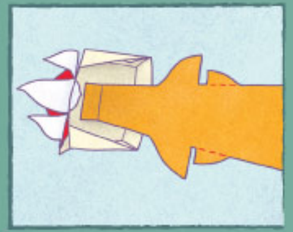
2 Curl ends of beard. Fold back tab E, glue face at E and attach beard, pushing tab E through mouth slot.



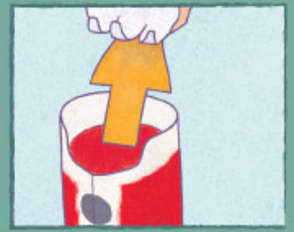
5 Join centre front overlap L1 to make one body piece. Roll body into a cylinder and stick tab at L.



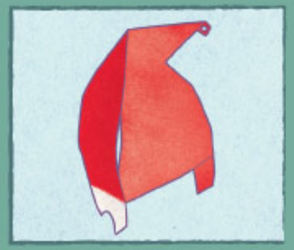
6 Take circular piece and fold down tabs. Push inside body, and glue tabs in position matching points M, N, O and P.



8 Match and glue Q tabs on counterbalance to inside head.



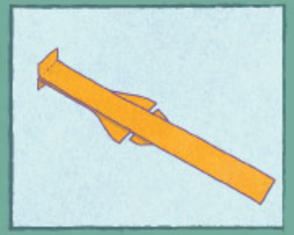
9 Bend back smaller tabs on counterbalance and push it through body slot. Then spread tabs out again.



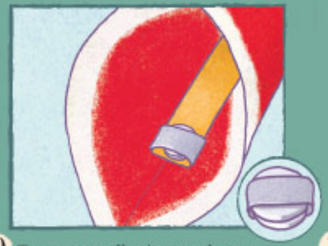
3 Fold crease lines on hat. Glue I to I, H to H, G to G, then F to F on the inside of the hat.



4 Match J and K inside hair to sides of head, and stick.



7 Fold out tabs Q on counterbalance, but do not glue yet. Match and glue together strips at R, then at S.



10 Tape two small coins together as weight, and tape them to bottom end of counterbalance.



11 Curl end of shoes around a pencil, fold tabs up, and stick at T and U. Stick on arms at V and W.



You could add a small bell or pom-pom to end of hat to finish off your model.

