

GINGERBREAD DOOR DECORATION

Open the door of the gingerbread house to see who's inside!

**You will need:**

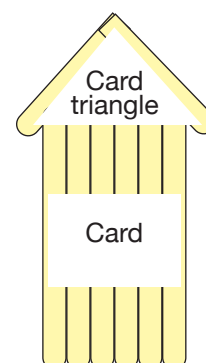
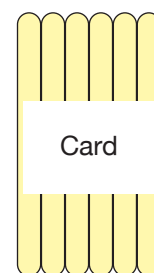
- 7-10 standard size, natural colour lollipop sticks
- Brown paint
- Christmas stickers
- Piece of red card
- Beads
- Ribbon
- White chalkmarker or gel pen (optional)
- Cotton wool (optional)

Other things you'll need:

- Glue and scissors
- Sticky tape
- 2 x small pieces of scrap card
- Ruler

How to make it:

- 1 Begin by vertically lining up 6-8 lollipop sticks on the table in front of you. Use a ruler to make sure the bottom edges are all aligned.
- 2 Take a piece of scrap card (the width of the card should be slightly less than the width of the lined up lollipop sticks) and cover it with glue. Then carefully stick it onto the lollipop sticks, in the middle, so that they are all stuck together. If the sticks move about, line them up again with the ruler as before.
- 3 Take two more lollipop sticks and carefully cut them with scissors (ask an adult to do this!). You will need two pieces about the same length. They will need to be short enough to make a triangle at the top of the gingerbread door.
- 4 Take the second piece of scrap card and cut it into a triangle. The bottom side of the triangle should be approximately the width of your glued-together lollipop sticks. The other two sides should be approximately the length of your two cut lollipop sticks. Glue the cut lollipop sticks onto the triangle of card and then glue the triangle onto the top of the glued-together sticks. Set aside to dry.



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- 5 When the glue is dry, cover one side with brown paint and allow to dry.
- 6 Cut out your door from red card. For the larger decoration shown in the photo above, we used a piece of card 10 x 8cm. Fold the card in half and glue it to the decoration.
- 7 Glue on beads to make a door handle and to add embellishments. Use Christmas stickers to add further decoration. Don't forget to add a surprise inside the door! You can also write 'Merry Christmas' inside if you want.
- 8 Experiment with a white chalkmarker or other white pen to add gingerbread 'icing' swirls and patterns. You can also glue cotton wool on the roof for a snow effect.
- 9 Finish the decoration by attaching a ribbon to the back with sticky tape, then hang it on the Christmas tree.

