Winter Break Boredom Busters



Make a "Gingerbread" House that never gets stale!

Reuse a cardboard box to make a gingerbread house! You can't eat this one, but you can bring it out with the holiday decorations every year. You'll need a box, something to cut with, tape, and a variety of materials for the decorations.











Choose a box that is shaped close to a cube or rectangular prism. You'll use the flaps that open up at the top to form the roof. If you need to, you can use a box cutter or scissors to cut a few inches down at each corner, and then move the fold down to create the angle you want. Trace the shape of the roof onto the other flaps and cut. You can open up the bottom flaps and tape the roof together from the inside.

Now the fun begins...use different colors of paper, felt, ribbon, yarn, stickers, buttons, bottlecaps, pipe cleaners, colored tape, etc. for the candy decorations.

Alphabet House Design

In the early 1940s, the town of Richland, Washington had a population of about 250. But when the Hanford site was built, it grew to 11,000 in about a year, and has continued growing ever since! In order to build houses quickly for Hanford workers, architect Albin Pherson designed a set of houses and built many with each plan. Can you make a gingerbread house that matches the F house or H house below?



F House



H House

