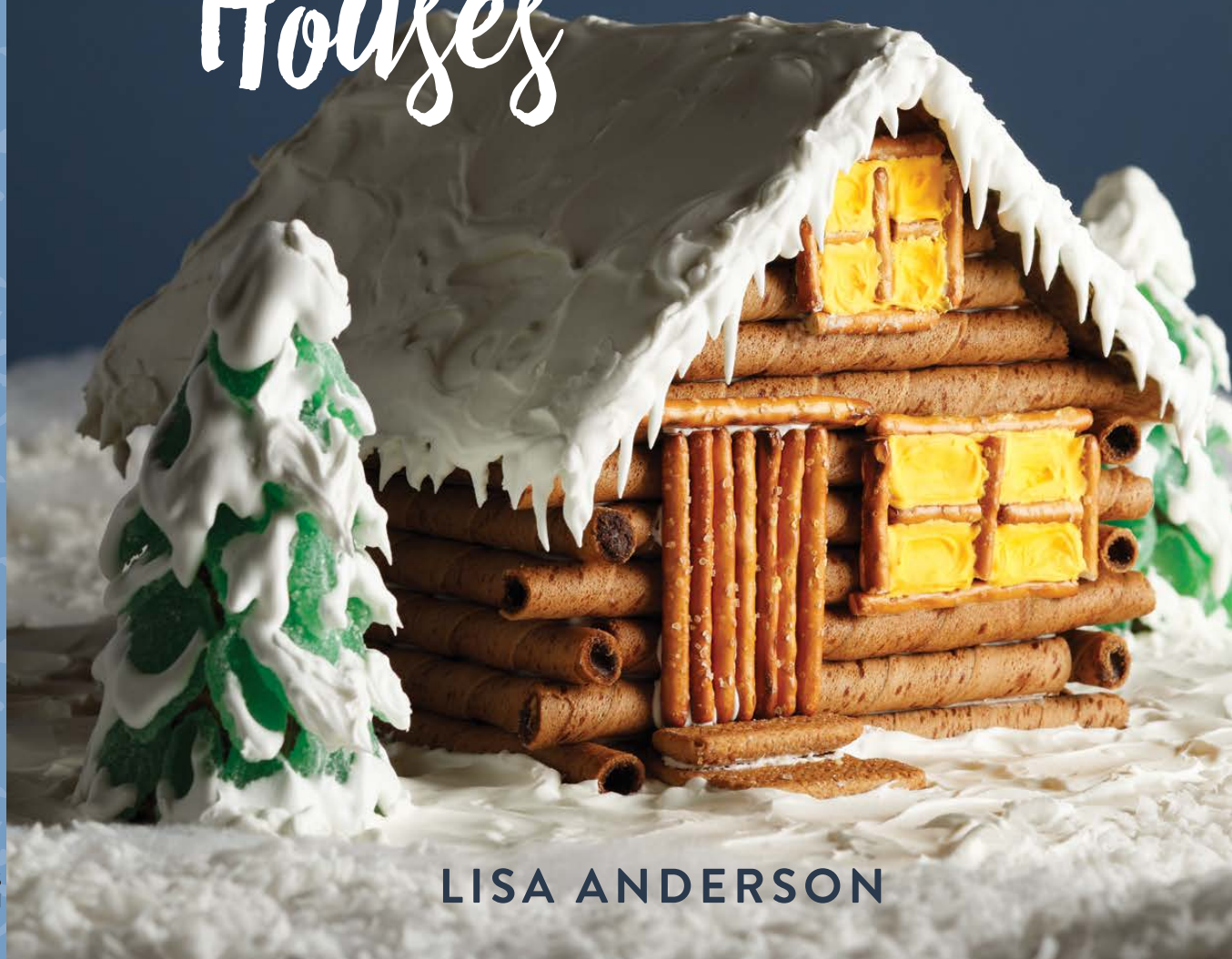




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Swiss Chalet

ICING

$\frac{3}{4}$ batch brown royal icing
(see Tinting, page 12)

$\frac{1}{4}$ batch white royal icing
(see page 11)

GRAHAM CRACKERS (SEE DIAGRAMS)

8 whole crackers
6 quarter crackers
2 horizontal points
4 three-quarter crackers

DECORATIONS

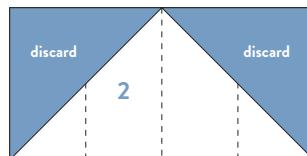
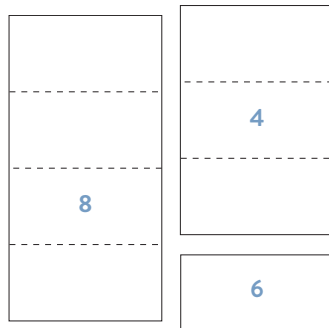
white Smarties
green gum
flower confetti
red heart confetti
Tootsie Rolls
spearmint leaves

To make the front of the house, use brown icing to glue 2 whole crackers together along the long edges. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam. Glue 1 horizontal point cracker along the top of the top cracker. Then glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam. Repeat to make the back of the house.

To make one side of the house, glue 2 three-quarter crackers together along the long edges. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam. Repeat to make the second side of the house.

Put the house together using the front, back, and side pieces. Glue 2 whole crackers on each side for the roof. Cover the entire house and roof with brown icing.

Glue Smarties in a row underneath the roof eaves. Pipe brown icing along the top of the Smarties. Pipe on the windows using white icing. Make shutters using gum and white flower confetti. Make window boxes using Tootsie Rolls cut in half. Glue green flower confetti and heart confetti to the window boxes. Pipe on designs using white icing. Slice spearmint leaves in half lengthwise and stack to make bushes.





Lollipop Lane

GRAHAM CRACKERS (SEE DIAGRAMS)

7 half crackers, per house
2 quarter crackers, per house

ICING

1 batch white royal icing
(see page 11)

DECORATIONS

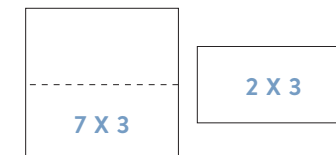
orange jelly fruit slices
Starbursts
candy sticks
lollipops
jelly beans
jelly fruit slices

Cut 1 of the half crackers diagonally to make 2 triangles. Using royal icing, glue 1 triangle to the top of 1 half cracker to form the front of the house. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam to reinforce the 2 pieces. Repeat to make the back piece.

Assemble the house using the triangle-topped pieces you just made for the front and back of the house and 1 half cracker for each side. Pipe icing along the slanted rooflines and place 2 half crackers on top for the roof.

Repeat to make 2 more houses.

Once the frosting has hardened and the houses are sturdy, decorate as desired. To make orange bricks, cut orange jelly fruit slices into rectangles. To make the sidewalk squares, flatten purple Starburst candies and lay them in a row. Use a sharp pair of scissors to cut the candy sticks to the length of the house.



Easter Bunny House

ICING

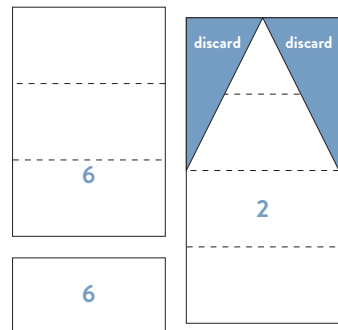
1/3 batch white royal icing
(see page 11)
1/3 batch yellow royal icing
(see Tinting, page 12)
1/3 batch green royal icing

GRAHAM CRACKERS (SEE DIAGRAMS)

6 three-quarter crackers
6 quarter crackers
2 vertical points

DECORATIONS

Necco wafers
jelly beans
flower confetti
gumdrops
Dum-Dums
spearmint leaves
chocolate sandwich cookies
candy corn



To make the front of the house, use white icing to glue 2 three-quarter crackers together along the longer edges. Glue a quarter cracker across the seam to reinforce the 2 pieces. Repeat to make the back of the house.

To make one side of the house, glue 1 quarter cracker to the bottom of a vertical point piece. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam to reinforce the 2 pieces. Glue the front, back, and sides together to make the house. Glue the remaining three-quarter crackers on top to make the roof.

Cover the house with yellow icing. Glue wafers to the roof for shingles. Make windows using different colors of jelly beans and pipe white icing for the window frames. Pipe a door using white icing and use a jelly bean for the doorknob. Pipe icing in front of the door to create a path, and sprinkle flower confetti over top, lightly pressing into the icing. Spread green frosting around the house to make the yard. Glue gumdrops, Dum-Dums, and spearmint leaves around the house to make flowers.

To make the carrot garden, crush cookies and sprinkle them in a square section of the yard. Cut the yellow and white parts off the candy corn, leaving the orange as the carrot. Make a little dent in the top of each carrot and insert a green piece of flower confetti. Place the carrots in rows in the dirt.





Silly Polka-Dot House

ICING

1/2 batch green royal icing
(see page 11 and see
Tinting, page 12)

1/4 batch purple royal icing

1/4 batch blue royal icing

GRAHAM CRACKERS (SEE DIAGRAMS)

4 Silly Polka Dot A

5 half crackers

3 three-quarter crackers

2 Silly Polka Dot B

DECORATIONS

M&Ms

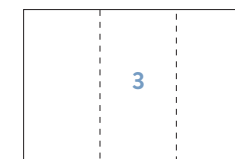
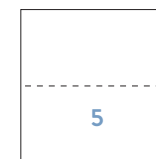
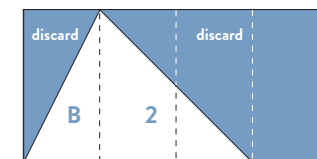
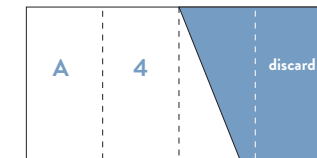
Spree candies

Using green icing, make the first floor of the house with 2 A crackers for the front and back of the house and 2 half crackers for the sides. Make sure the straight side of the front and back pieces is on the right and the slanted side is on the left. Glue 1 three-quarter cracker across the top.

Repeat to make the second floor, this time placing the straight side on the left and the slanted side on the right. Glue 1 three-quarter cracker across the top.

Make the top floor using the B pieces as the front and back, making sure the longer side of the triangle is on the left. Make the roof using 1 half cracker for the short right side and 1 three-quarter cracker for the long left side.

Cover the entire house in green icing. Pipe on windows and a door using purple icing, then outline in blue. Outline the sides of the house in blue. Decorate using M&Ms and Spree candies.



Big Red Barn

ICING

1/4 batch white royal icing
(see page 11)
1/4 batch red royal icing (see
Tinting, page 12)
1/4 batch brown royal icing
1/4 batch green royal icing

GRAHAM CRACKERS (SEE DIAGRAMS, PAGE 34)

12 whole crackers
6 quarter crackers
2 barn tops

DECORATIONS

pretzel sticks
black licorice drops
yellow chocolate-covered
sunflower seeds
brown M&Ms
green sour straws
green gumdrops

To make the front of the barn, use white icing to glue 2 whole crackers together on the long edges. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam to help the 2 pieces stay together. Glue 1 of the barn top graham crackers to the top. Then glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam. Repeat to make the back of the barn.

To make one side of the barn, glue 2 whole crackers together along the long edges. Glue 1 quarter cracker across the seam. Repeat to make the second side.

Put together the barn using the front and back pieces and the sides. Glue 2 whole crackers against the top slanted edges of the barn top pieces. Glue the 2 remaining whole crackers to the open slanted edges to complete the roof.

Cover the barn front and sides with red icing, reserving a little for later use. Pipe doors on the barn front using white icing. Cover the roof with brown icing. Spread the green icing around the barn for grass.

Make a sheep by sticking 4 pretzel sticks into 4 licorice drops. Break off the bottoms of the sticks until you have the desired height of the sheep. Glue the 4 drops together. To make the head, stick a pretzel stick into another licorice drop and stick this into the sheep. Cut pieces of drops for the ears and stick them to the head. Pipe dots of white

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