

WORKSHOP EXTENSION ACTIVITY

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Ages 5-12

CONNECT.

If you were to imagine your dream backyard, what would it look like? Would there be trees? Flowers? A pond? A fence? A place to play?

INVESTIGATE.

You'll need:

- Your Gingerbread House
 - Pieces of cardboard
 - Scissors
 - Pencil
 - Tape
1. Place your Gingerbread House on top of your piece of cardboard.
 2. Pretend that the cardboard represents your Gingerbread House's yard, and decide where you would place the house on this piece of land. Also, decide if you would like the yard to be any smaller or larger, and cut the cardboard or tape extra pieces of cardboard together as needed.
 3. Once you're happy with your yard size and the position of your house, lightly trace the outline of the Gingerbread House on the cardboard so you'll be able to remember where it's supposed to be.
 4. Now pretend that it's wintertime at your Gingerbread House. Picture the dream yard that you envisioned earlier and add snow! Imagine: Would there be a snowman? An igloo? Would the pond be frozen? Use a pencil to lightly sketch and label everything this winter yard would have.

Tip: You'll be creating a 3D version of this yard, so don't worry about making your drawings look lifelike. Instead, sketch basic outlines and label them so you'll remember what each one represents. For example, everywhere you would like a tree, you could draw a circle with "tree" written inside.

- Craft sticks
- Sponges
- Modeling clay
- Artificial plants
- Aluminum foil
- String
- Cotton balls
- Glitter
- Glue
- Optional: LED lights

Place your Gingerbread House on its outline on the cardboard, and then use the materials you have available to create your ideal snowy backyard. Be creative and take your time as you design your own magical winter wonderland!



INNOVATE.

Now that you've thought through your ideas, it's time to bring your backyard to life!

You'll need:

- Your Gingerbread House and cardboard yard
- Hot glue and hot glue gun
- Paints of various colors and a paintbrush

The creation of your gingerbread house requires careful planning! Similarly, a **Property Investor** makes repairs and updates to a home to make it stand out for likely buyers or renters. A **Property Investor** takes care of a home by painting, replacing appliances, or updating finishes to ensure it is safe and well taken care of so the residents will enjoy living there.

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